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### **To: Certified Mental Health (MH), Substance Use Disorder (SUD), MH/SUD and Licensed Methadone Treatment Providers**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has new and revised mental health and substance use disorder treatment standards that will be effective January 1, 2018. Some of these changes are necessary to support implementation of the Medicaid Behavioral Health Redesign project and the new rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Medicaid. OhioMHAS has also updated other service standards, and rescinded some service rules which were identified as no longer relevant.

While OhioMHAS certification is a prerequisite to enrollment as a provider of community behavioral health services under the Ohio Medicaid program, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has also promulgated rules specifically addressing any Medicaid specific requirements related to the Behavioral Health Redesign project. All OhioMHAS certified providers/programs that are participating in Ohio Medicaid as a provider of community behavioral health services should also familiarize themselves with the ODM rules that will be effective January 1, 2018. The ODM rules are also available at the Register of Ohio (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>). [Please refer to the ODM rules in chapter 5160-27. Additional information on the Medicaid Behavioral Health Redesign project is available on the following website: bh.medicaid.ohio.gov.](#)

OhioMHAS has developed the enclosed crosswalk to identify how provider agency certification will transition on January 1, 2018. A provider's January 1, 2018 certification will be based upon its existing certification as of December 31, 2017. OhioMHAS will transition all currently certified providers to their corresponding new certification identified on the crosswalk *without the need for any action on the part of the provider*. The only exception is if a provider is receiving ADAMH/ADAS/CMHS Board funding for a service that is being rescinded. These services are identified on the crosswalk. In those situations, the provider must request certification under "Supplemental Behavioral Health Services". Please see the enclosure titled "Application for Certification for Supplemental Behavioral Health Services" for instructions.

While a provider will automatically be certified for the corresponding new and/or revised services/program, a provider is required to assure compliance with the new and revised service standards beginning January 1, 2018. Beginning January 1, 2018, the standards for all mental health and substance use disorder treatment services/programs for which certification is available will be contained in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 5122-29, with the exception of methadone treatment. Methadone treatment licensure standards will continue to be maintained in OAC Chapter 5122-40. Please note that, in addition to the new and revised standards for

specific services, OhioMHAS also revised OAC rule 5122-29-30, which contains the requirements for eligible providers and supervisors. All new and revised rules are available at the Register of Ohio, under filing agency “5122 – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services”: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>.

The crosswalk does identify some currently certified services for which there is no corresponding new certification. Although OhioMHAS has long offered a companion Inpatient Certification for OhioMHAS licensed acute inpatient psychiatric hospitals, this certification is redundant of the existing Psychiatric Hospital Licensure process and is being eliminated. Acute care hospitals provide detoxification services for patients in a variety of inpatient hospital care settings, and OhioMHAS will no longer offer specific acute detoxification certification for hospitals as hospitals are able to provide these services in accordance with accrediting body and/or CMS standards.

In addition to the elimination of certification for inpatient hospital levels of care, OhioMHAS will no longer offer specific certification for the following SUD services currently described in OAC 3793:2-1-08: Intervention, and Training, as well as the following MH services currently described in OAC Chapter 5122-29: Adult Educational, Social and Recreational, Mental Health Education, [MH] Adjunctive Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and School Psychology. A provider agency is always permitted to provide services in addition to those that are certified. Certification (or licensure) is required only if seeking funding from Ohio Medicaid, a Board, or Federal or department block grant funding, or if seeking certification for a driver intervention program or licensure as a methadone treatment program. If you are currently certified for one or more of these services, and the Board funds the service thus requiring you to maintain certification, please follow the instructions on the enclosure titled “Requesting Certification for Supplemental Behavioral Health Services”.

Sincerely,



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