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To: ODADAS and ODMH Certified and Licensed Providers
Behavioral Health Stakeholders

From: Janel M. Pequignot, Chief, Office of Licensure and Certification

Re: Accreditation Requirement Rule Filing & Public Hearing Notice
New mailing address for ODADAS Licensure and Certification Staff

ODMH and ODADAS are working with stakeholders to develop a streamlined and consolidated Certification and Licensure process for provider agencies. Currently ODADAS does not require its certified treatment providers to obtain behavioral health accreditation by a national accrediting body, but does offer deemed status (recognition of a provider's accreditation as meeting state agency standards and an abbreviated certification process) for a provider which achieves appropriate accreditation. ODMH's administrative rules require that a provider agency requesting certification in certain specified services obtain accreditation prior to submitting an application for initial certification. In simpler terms, while both state agencies grant deemed status, under ODADAS, accreditation is voluntary, and under ODMH, accreditation is mandatory. ODMH has submitted a rule filing to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), proposing to align its rule on accreditation with the current ODADAS rule, i.e. allow each provider to choose whether to obtain accreditation, while still maintaining the benefits of deemed status for a provider which has achieved appropriate behavioral health accreditation.

While this rule currently is applicable only to ODMH certified agencies, the intent is for a single requirement that will be applicable in the future to both ODMH providers and ODADAS outpatient and residential treatment providers. ODMH will be conducting a public hearing on this proposed rule amendment on May 17, 2013, at 10:30 am. ODMH welcomes the participation of any interested stakeholder in the public hearing process. Written testimony may be submitted in advance of the hearing, or submitted in writing or orally during the hearing. To review proposed Ohio Administrative Code rule 5122-25-02, or for more detailed information on

the public hearing and how to submit testimony, please link to [View the filed rules and current public hearing notice\(s\) for proposed ODMH rules...](#) under “Pending Rules” on the following webpage: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/licensure-and-certification/rules/index.shtml>

Please also note that ODADAS Licensure and Certification staff are now co-located with ODMH Licensure and Certification staff. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for Jerry Jones, Nick Humenay and Barbara Dietz have not changed; however, please use the following to submit materials and correspondence:

Office of Licensure and Certification
30 East Broad St., 7th FL
Columbus OH 43215
Fax: 614-485-9739

Provider agencies will continue to have the same ODMH and/or ODADAS contact person unless notified otherwise. Be assured that we are working with stakeholders to develop a consolidated process for dually certified/licensed agencies. In the meantime, as the new chief of the Office of Licensure and Certification, please feel free to contact me at Janel.Pequignot@mh.ohio.gov with any questions, feedback or comments. I also remain the contact for ODMH rule matters, including the public hearing for proposed amendments to administrative code rules, until further notice.

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