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Completion of statewide Level II PASRR evaluations

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a single contractor to complete statewide Level II PASRR evaluations on individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). Our goal is to make a selection during the month of April, 2009. This will ensure that the selected contractor is prepared to assume responsibility for statewide Level II PASRR evaluations effective July 1, 2009.

This will replace the current procedure in which the ODMH allocates funds for the reimbursement of Level II PASRR evaluations that are completed by private vendors, contracted by the respective community boards. As a result, the ODMH expects to: improve accountability, better implement quality assurance and quality improvement initiatives, and utilize a centralized data management system to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, which govern the implementation of PASRR.

Qualified vendors capable of statewide service delivery may submit a proposal in response to this RFP. Specifics related to the selection of a contractor will be included in the RFP, which may be viewed at http://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=6760. In closing, we take this opportunity to recognize the community boards and hundreds of private vendors that have participated in the current process. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the needs of individuals diagnosed with mental illnesses. The ODMH intends to continue close collaboration with you in this effort.

Copies: Directors of Ohio Departments of Aging, Executive Medicaid Management Agency, Job and Family Services, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Alcohol and Drugs Addiction Services, The Governor's Office, Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services, and The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities.