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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 contracted with DDM Ascend to complete statewide Level II PASRR evaluations on individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). This contract will be effective as of August 1, 2009.

The selection process took considerably longer than expected, as ODMH worked with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to ensure the integrity of the selection process. As a result, ODMH is asking our partners – the mental health community boards, to work with their local providers to continue the completion of Level II PASRR evaluations through July 31, 2009.

We recognize that some of you have already adjusted your fiscal budget to reflect a discontinuation in service contracts for the completion of Level II PASRR evaluations. Thus, we hope that our request to have the local providers continue the current system through July 31, 2009 is not too much of a burden. ODMH has set aside the necessary funds to reimburse the boards for these services during this time.

Your ongoing dedication to the delivery of services to the needs of individuals diagnosed with mental illnesses is appreciated and ODMH intends to continue close collaboration with you in this effort. Please contact Terry Watts with questions or comments at 614-466-1063 or via e-mail at wattst@mh.state.oh.us

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