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TO: Ohio's Behavioral Healthcare System Stakeholders

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RE: Update on the Medicaid Fee Schedule and Reconciliation Rules for Alcohol and Other Drug (AoD) Treatment and Mental Health (MH) Services, Ohio Administrative Code 5101:3-30-04, 5101:3-30-06, 5101:3-27-05 and 5101:3-27-07.

The Departments are providing this notification to inform you that the above referenced Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Medicaid rules are being placed in a To Be Re-filed (TBR) status with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), therefore this means the rules will not be considered at the June 2, 2008 JCARR hearing. Our intention is to re-file the rules.

The decision to TBR the rules is due to the ongoing discussions with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on the State Plan Amendment (SPA) necessary to implement the fee schedule payment methodology. ODJFS submitted the SPA on April 22, 2008. Under Federal procedures regarding SPA review and approval/denial, CMS has 90 days from the date of acceptance of a SPA to officially approve or deny. If a formal request for additional information is received by Ohio from CMS, it also affects the CMS response timeline. This has a direct effect on managing and timing the parallel federal and state approval processes to implement coinciding effective dates. ODADAS, ODJFS and ODMH are committed to continuing the discussions with CMS and stakeholders and, if necessary, refining the SPAs based upon CMS feedback in order to implement a fee schedule payment methodology for AoD treatment and MH services. All other initiatives related to behavioral health system reform will continue to move forward uninterrupted.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact any of us directly. Director Dawson may be reached at (614) 752-8359, Director Jones-Kelley may be reached at (614) 466-6283 and Director Stephenson may be reached at (614) 466-2337.