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Memo to: New and Existing Providers

The Judicial Branch recently approved an “Administrative Policy” that serve as the guiding document for all mental health professionals who perform court ordered evaluations for juvenile justice and child protection matters before the Court. A copy of the policy is available for your reference.

The Council on Quality Healthcare (CAQH) will continue to be used as the credentialing organization for the Branch. All new and existing providers are required to register with CAQH and re-certify that their information is current every three months. CAQH provides e-mail notification when the re-certification is required.

The following changes have been made to the credentialing verification process conducted by Advanced Behavioral Health (ABH). ABH will be responsible for conducting criminal and child protective service (CPS) background checks in the future. New Providers will be required to submit to these checks before approval to be placed on the child protection evaluation provider roster or be placed under contract with CSSD to perform juvenile justice evaluations or assessments. Existing providers will be required to submit to criminal and CPS background checks every three years on the anniversary date of their prior approval. There will be no cost to the providers for these checks. ABH will obtain and retain all required forms including the “Certification and Authorization” and the “Acknowledgement regarding Provider Credentialing Information”

It is our hope that the new policy and processes coupled with on going peer review will continue to enhance the quality of court ordered evaluations and will provide the professionals that serve the Court with an avenue for on going professional development.

We appreciate your continued commitment to providing evaluation services to the Court. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions. For Juvenile Justice providers you may contact John Torello at [john.torello@jud.ct.gov](mailto:john.torello@jud.ct.gov). For Child Protection providers you may contact Marilou Giovannucci at [marilou.giovannucci@jud.ct.gov](mailto:marilou.giovannucci@jud.ct.gov).

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