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PROVIDER ALERT

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SUBJECTS: Certification & Buprenorphine Treatment Services

Certification: In preparation for implementation of the new ATR Program, DMHAS is initiating a certification process for services that will be included in the ATR II Program. DMHAS will use a phase-in approach to implement all services for the ATR II Program. Effective immediately, a number of certification applications are available on the DMHAS website (www.ct.gov/dmhas/ATR). All service providers that have experience providing these services and wish to participate in ATR II must complete the certification applications. In subsequent weeks, additional certification applications for other services will be placed on the DMHAS website. All certification and contracting with service providers is based on available funding from CSAT. DMHAS has the authority to modify the certification requirements, limit the number of providers per service and modify target populations based on the final negotiated budget with CSAT.

Buprenorphine Treatment Services: Effective immediately, DMHAS is requesting interested licensed behavioral health treatment facilities that are contracted with the Department to complete the Buprenorphine Clinic Based Opioid Treatment certification application. The certification application is due to Advanced Behavioral Health by November 9, 2007. DMHAS may consider applications submitted after this date if there are insufficient providers in a specific region of the state. The Department reserves the right to determine the final panel of providers for this service.

Upon the successful completion of the certification process, the provider will be sent a Provider Agreement from Advanced Behavioral Health (ABH). Once the Provider Agreement is executed by ABH, the service provider may initiate services.

DMHAS will facilitate a meeting with prospective providers during the implementation of this service on Friday **November 9, 2007 in room 365 at Page Hall, Connecticut Valley Hospital**. The meeting will be held from **10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** Specific information regarding the clinical protocol, target population, authorization guidelines, GPRA data collection requirements, billing/invoicing instructions and other topics will be discussed.

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