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DATE: June 3, 2015
TO: DBH Contracted Treatment Providers 
FROM: Nora Bock, DBH Director of Adult Community Treatment
RE: Provisional Licensure, Approved Diagnosticians

This memo is to provide the most current interpretation of certification standards regarding the delivery of behavioral health services by provisionally licensed mental health professionals within DBH-contracted treatment programs.

In DBH programs, any mental health professional that is licensed or provisionally licensed in the state of Missouri, and who is practicing within their scope of work, may render diagnoses in accordance with the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Individuals possessing these credentials shall provide such services only if they are adequately trained. They should not practice beyond their individual levels of competence.

Should you have questions about this memo, please contact Rhonda Turner at rhonda.turner@dmh.mo.gov or at (573) 526-1572.

Thank you.

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