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TO: ADA-Contracted Treatment Providers

FROM: Nora Bock, Director of Adult Community Treatment NB

RE: Alternate Assessment Instruments

The Division of Behavioral Health will no longer require the use of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) in adult substance abuse treatment programs, if the following criteria are met:

- The agency utilizes an electronic medical record (EMR); and,
- The agency can demonstrate that the assessment instrument(s) within its EMR complies with the following:
  - National accreditation standards (if applicable), and
  - DMH administrative rules for certification.

The agency's assessment instrument(s), along with any supporting documentation that demonstrates how the instrument(s) complies with requirements, must be submitted to the Division of Behavioral Health for review and approval. Note: Compliance with MO HealthNet requirements would be assumed if compliance with DMH administrative rules is determined.

If the agency's EMR assessment is approved, a workaround guidance document will be provided to the agency so that CIMOR requirements will be met. Please note, if an agency submits requests for clinical utilization review, the interpretive summary from the agency's Division-approved EMR assessment must be entered into the ASI "Notes" section.

For other types of reviews or investigations, the agency may be requested to submit a consumer's complete assessment to the Division since it will no longer be available in CIMOR.

Agencies interested in utilizing an EMR assessment in place of the ASI should submit the instrument and supporting documentation to Rhonda Turner at rhonda.turner@dmh.mo.gov.

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