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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 2016

TO: All DBH Substance Use and/or Mental Health Certified Providers

FROM: Nora Bock, Director of Adult Community Treatment NB

RE: Qualified Addiction Professionals

Language matters. In an effort to modernize the terms we use, and to more accurately describe the substance use disorders we treat, the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) is removing the word "abuse" whenever possible (administrative rule revisions, Medicaid manuals, contracts, memos, etc). In consultation with a variety of stakeholders and Department staff, the DBH is formally changing the term "Qualified Substance Abuse Professional" or "QSAP," to "Qualified Addiction Professional" or "QAP." This is a change in **name only**.

This change will be reflected in the revised Code of State Regulations under review at this time. The titles/credentials we apply to our profession influence how the field of behavioral health is perceived by the general public. I encourage you to begin incorporating this new, more appropriate term, in your verbal and written communications.

Please forward your questions or comments to me at nora.bock@dmh.mo.gov.

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