



To: OMH Facility, Clinical and Nursing Directors,
Directors of OMH Licensed Inpatient Programs

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Subject: UPDATE - Clinical Advisory Regarding Adult Homes
Previously Issued to Psychiatric Inpatient Programs on August 8, 2012

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On August 8, 2012, OMH issued a Clinical Advisory regarding discharges from hospitals licensed or operated by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to certain Adult Homes licensed by the State Department of Health (DOH). After receiving comments regarding the Clinical Advisory, OMH is hereby amending that Clinical Advisory to clarify the following issues.

First, the Clinical Advisory will not take effect until OMH and DOH finalize proposed regulations affecting Adult Homes, for which each agency issued a “notice of proposed rulemaking” in the State Register on August 8, 2012.

Second, the Clinical Advisory will apply only to persons with serious mental illness who are being considered for discharge to “Transitional Adult Homes” as defined in the final DOH Adult Home regulations. The Clinical Advisory will not apply to an “Impacted Adult Home” unless that residence also meets the definition of a “Transitional Adult Home.” In its proposed regulations, DOH defined a “Transitional Adult Home” as “...an adult home with a certified capacity of 80 beds or more in which at least 25 percent of the resident population are persons with serious mental illness.”

Third, the Clinical Advisory will not apply to any person with serious mental illness who is being considered for discharge to a Transitional Adult Home from a hospital licensed or operated by the Office of Mental Health, if that individual was a resident of that adult home immediately prior to his or her current period of hospitalization.

DOH has advised OMH that it will post a list of all Transitional Adult Homes, subject to change based on available data, following final adoption of the regulations.

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