



Drug & Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania

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Dear Robert Nyce, *Bob*

On behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania (DASPOP), I am writing to express our support for the proposed regulation regarding billing for Medical Assistance under provisional licenses in outpatient clinics (#14-453, Notice of Final Rulemaking, Department of Public Welfare, 55 PA Code Chapter 1223, Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Clinic Services).

DASPOP is a statewide coalition of drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs, practitioners, employee assistance programs and drug and alcohol associations representing more than 365 organizations, programs and clinics, over 3,000 certified addiction professionals, 1,200 student assistance professionals, 400 prevention specialists and others throughout the state. Our members represent the full continuum of services, including prevention, education, hospital and non-hospital detoxification and rehabilitation, outpatient, intensive outpatient and halfway houses.

This proposal will allow treatment and reimbursement to go forward under provisional licenses for new treatment programs and allow treatment to continue in programs that receive provisional licenses. The licensure bureau in the Department of Health would maintain its ability to deny and limit provisional licenses.

Sincerely,

Deborah Beck
Deborah Beck, MSW
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October 8, 2001

cc: PA House Health & Human Services Committee
PA Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
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John R. McGinley, Jr. Esq., Chairman
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Dear Chairman McGinley:

The purpose of this letter is to express strong support for regulation # 14-453 (2219). I am writing on behalf of the Pennsylvania Community Providers Association, which represents over 100 drug and alcohol service providers across the commonwealth. These regulations allow drug and alcohol providers who have a provisional license to bill the Medical Assistance program. The Office of Medical Assistance Programs developed these regulations with the input and strong support from the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Division of Drug and Alcohol Licensing and the provider community. They have had a significant positive impact on the drug and alcohol service system and we are hopeful that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission will support their formal implementation.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact Lynn Cooper of my staff. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George J. Kimes
Executive Director