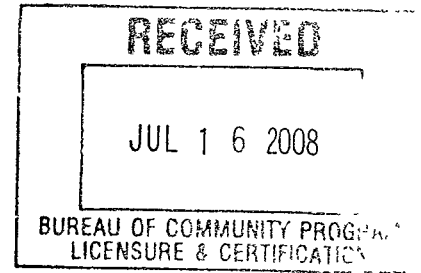


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I would like to state my opposition to the proposed changes in PA Code 255.5(b), Draft Rulemaking Regulation No. 10-186, regarding patient confidentiality.

It is my belief that the proposed changes will

- further perpetuate public stigma as it relates to the disease of addiction;
- lessen access and duration of treatment for patients in need;
- increase the cost of treatment to comply with mandated releases without providing additional funding and
- not benefit consumers of treatment services.

Respectfully Submitted,

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