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Mr. Schalles -

I am asking IRRC to consider rejecting the regulation to require a separate licensure for Behavioral Specialist working with clients on the autism spectrum. This additional requirement has great potential to negatively impact the clients on the spectrum served in Pennsylvania. As a licensed social worker and recently certified Behavioral Specialist I work with clients on the spectrum as well as clients with other mental health disorders. At my community based agency that provides wraparound services there is a waiting list of approximately 30 clients. If there was an additional license required for clients on the spectrum I believe the waiting list would be much longer for those clients. Not only would this regulation potentially lead to longer wait times for services but I believe it may also put a great financial burden on professionals and agencies. During this time of concerns of state funding of Medicaid and grants, imposing additional licensure requirements when a certification is currently required does not seem wise.

Mr. Schalles, I truly hope that IRRC will consider the negative ramifications of this proposed regulation. Please reject the regulation to allow for greater considerations of how to improve services delivered to clients on the autism spectrum.

Sincerely,

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