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RE: . Reference Regulation No. 14-549 "Interrelationships of Providers" (IRRC #3308)

Sent via e-mail: sschalles@irrc.state.pa.us

Dear Regulators:

I am writing on behalf The Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators of Mental Health and Developmental Services (PACA MH/DS), which represents all the 48 County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Programs. PACA MH/DS supports the proposed rule published June 26, 2021 in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, titled Interrelationships of Providers.

The proposed rulemaking will increase the development of and access to integrated care settings currently unavailable to Medical Assistance enrollees. This change will assist in developing services, including individuals who have mental illness and substance use disorder as well as others with multiple concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucy Kitner
Executive Director

AN AFFILIATE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

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