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SUBJECT:

- Allocations Certification Critical Information Licensure
- MACSIS Medicaid MSPA Policy
- Procedure Other (specify):

Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II Evaluations

This communication is to inform you that effective August 1, 2009 DDM Ascend (*Ascend*) will serve as the single point of entry for all Pre-Admission Screens and Resident Reviews (PASRR), with indication of serious mental illness (SMI) that are referred to Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) or the local MH evaluators. Local PASSPORT Administrative Agencies (PAAs) are asked to fax all PAS-SMI to *Ascend*. Likewise, nursing facilities and hospitals are asked to fax all RR-SMI to *Ascend*. Please note that PAAs will continue to perform Level I Pre-Admission Screens, thus hospitals will continue to fax PAS applications to the respective PAA.

The dedicated fax number to which you may fax PASRR-SMI Level II applications and supporting documentation to *Ascend* is 1-866-299-0029. Should you have any questions related to the submission of information to *Ascend* please feel free to contact *Ascend* toll free at 1-877-431-1388, and ask to speak with an Ohio PASRR quality team member.

The leadership of the various hospital associations and nursing facilities associations representing the respective constituents in Ohio are asked to please distribute this information amongst their constituents.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to individuals diagnosed with SMI, and look forward to improvement of the PASRR system through our partnership with *Ascend*.

Copies: Directors of ODJFS, ODA, ODDD, and DDM Ascend