



DMHAS



NON-FUNDED SUBSTANCE ABUSE

LICENSED RESIDENTIAL PROVIDER DDaP DATA QUALITY ALERT (November 3, 2014)

Residential Program Consumer Length of Stay Outliers

As you are aware, DMHAS is responsible for collecting, storing and reporting to the federal and state government data from all substance abuse licensed non-DMHAS funded residential programs and other treatment related programs.

Many of these agencies submit monthly extract files to DMHAS DDaP system to adhere to data submission requirements found under these state statutes.

DMHAS has recently received a Department of Public Health request asking for Substance Abuse Licensed Residential Program utilization data so that they can determine system needs for residential levels of care.

However, after reviewing the DDaP data for these programs, DMHAS EQMI has discovered that some providers are NOT discharging consumers when they are no longer active in the residential program. Again, not having accurate data affects DMHAS ability to respond to the above requests and greatly affects other data requirements that we are required to report on a regular basis. These data reporting requirements also include the following:

- 1) DMHAS Federal reporting requirements, for example, TEDS data reporting, is greatly affected and if the federal data quality standard of 90% or better is not attained then federal funding levels for programs could be negatively affected.
- 2) The Legislative level Program Performance, Review and Investigation (PRI) Committee regularly review and evaluates DMHAS impact on program impact on consumer outcomes. Poor data affects DMHAS' ability to report accurate information to the committee.

To this end, please make every effort to ensure that non-active consumers are discharged in a timely fashion as EQMI would like to respond to DPH's request within two weeks.

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