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Dear OSAR and Residential Treatment Provider:

The Department of State Health Services will delay implementation of some specific FY 2005 program requirements for OSAR and residential treatment providers.

The FY 2005 Request for Proposals Program Requirements specifically indicated that OSAR programs funded in FY 2005 would perform a variety of new functions. Several OSAR requirements directly affect the residential treatment program requirements. The department is delaying implementation of specific new OSAR functions listed below and associated residential treatment requirements until November 1, 2004.

- Authorize admissions to residential treatment programs
- Maintain and manage a centralized waitlist for the treatment service area in BHIPS  
Provide service coordination to those eligible to be on the waitlist
- Utilize the department's client placement criteria to identify high severity and multi-need clients
- Provide service coordination to high severity clients

On September 1, 2004, TCADA expects all OSAR providers to implement the remaining services identified in the FY 2005 Request for Proposals Program Requirements. Specifically, the requirement to provide outreach, screenings, assessments, financial eligibility, referral services, crisis intervention and motivational counseling.

In an effort to appropriately implement these changes on November 1, 2004, all OSAR and residential treatment programs will receive training on the specific delayed functions prior to implementation. This service implementation delay and training will ensure a more successful transition to the new program requirements.

In addition, OSAR providers will see minor modifications in their FY 2005 contracts from the original RFP service requirements. Specifically, the requirement that the OSAR must provide twenty four hour/seven day a week access to a counselor has been reduced to sixteen hour/five day a week access to a counselor. The OSAR service coordination component will monitor clients through the continuum of care from the time they are assessed until successful linkages to outpatient services in lieu of until discharge from the treatment continuum as previously stated in the RFP service requirements. Upon implementation of the service coordination component, it will be limited to high severity clients only.

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If you have questions regarding the delay in program requirement implementation or the changes to OSAR program requirements in your FY 2005 contract, please contact your project officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Wanser Ph.D." in a cursive style.

Dave Wanser, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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