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MONTHLY PROVIDER DATA QUALITY NEWSLETTER

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Periodic Assessment Updates

DMHAS EQMI routinely sends a **Monthly Provider Data Quality Newsletter** that informs providers of important data quality issues that have been identified and that will need provider's immediate attention to review and correct.

This newsletter addresses a data quality issue where providers are not reporting 6 month periodic assessment updates for their active clients. Providers are required to submit periodic assessments at admission, at 6 month intervals when a client's length of stay exceeds 6 months, and at discharge. The effects of NOT following this contractual requirement are as follows:

1) DMHAS EQMI is unable to calculate human service contract performance outcome measures for contract monitoring and for the Provider Quality Reports which draw heavily on data in the Periodic Assessment. This leads to poor performance evaluations in these areas.

2) DMHAS Federal reporting requirements may be affected which may negatively impact grant applications or federal funding levels.

3) DMHAS state reporting requirements may be negatively impacted. Missing data impacts on a range of data used to evaluate DMHAS funding allocations and service provision.

4) Ongoing DMHAS System Analysis and Performance that determine "best practices" initiative impact on consumer's behavioral health outcomes is difficult when data is unreliable.

Providers will receive a separate e-mail from DMHAS requesting a corrective action plan if they have been identified as being deficient in this area.

The following DMHAS report can be used to measure the outcome for On-Time Periodic: **On-Time Periodic 6 Month Updates** *in the* **Data Quality** *folder in EDW. Enter the reporting period, select the Provider and Program(s) and select 'View Report'. Once the report displays, refer to the Percentage. Select the 'plus' + mark next to the program to view clients who have had an Update Periodic Assessment. (Refer to the* **Periodic Assessment 6- Month Tickler Report** *in the* **Data Quality** *folder in EDW to see which clients have not had an Updated Periodic Assessment. (Select* **Show Overdue Clients** *'No'.) Complete Update Periodic Assessments, as needed.)*

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