



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEES MOVING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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The DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has expanded its Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) unit to provide improved clinical oversight for members under the new integrated health plans offered to ALTCS members. DDD has added the following positions during the last year in preparation for the transition to integrated health care:

- Dr. Christina Underwood – Psychiatrist, Medical Director
- Dr. Kelly Donohue – Psychologist, Behavioral Health Administrator
- Dr. Len Branham – Pharmacist
- Mary DeCarlo, M.Ed. BCBA, LBA – Behavior Analyst, PRC Administrator

DDD has changed the organizational structure so the chair for each district Program Review Committee (PRC) now reports to the PRC Administrator rather than the District Program Manager. Consolidating the PRC reporting structure will improve clinical oversight regarding behavior plan development and implementation. The PRC Administrator will work with providers to identify supportive solutions for members who need behavior treatment plans. Using a team-based approach, the Behavioral Health Administration and provider will work together to provide the member with the supports and services they need to meet the goals established on their behavior treatment plan.