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Re: Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 10:200, In-Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services for Children, Youth and Young Adults PRN-2007-341

Dear Mr. Hancock:

On April 29, 2009, I wrote to you regarding the above-captioned rule proposal. At that time I expressed the concern that the rule proposal limits the categories of clinically licensed practitioners authorized to deliver intensive in-community mental health rehabilitative services. In addition to the information provided to justify the inclusion of Licensed Social Workers and Licensed Associate Counselors under supervision, I omitted the license category of marriage therapists.

N.J.S.A. 45:8B-2 defines licensed marriage and family therapy to provide intensive in-community mental health rehabilitative services. N.J.S.A. 45:8B-5 specifies the requirement for licensure. The statute (N.J.S.A. 45:8B-6(e)) also provides for a three -year temporary Permit Holder to provide the services of a Marriage and Family Therapist under the supervision of an approved supervisor.

Please, therefore, consider this as an amendment to my letter dated April 29, to include those individuals who are either Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and those who have been authorized by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to provide like services under supervision.

I have attached a copy of the April 29th letter as well as the statutory citations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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