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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Disability Services
Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
P.O. Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5330

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Dear Provider Agencies:

The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) has adopted new rules that establish administrative and program specific standards for the licensing and certification of behavioral health agencies that provide chemical dependency, mental health, and problem and pathological gambling services.

These rules will become effective July 1, 2013. DBHR will require all provider agencies affected by these rules to fully comply with the applicable requirements no later than September 1, 2013. Further information on these new WACs and the implementation process is available on the DBHR website: http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/.

In order for DBHR to issue an agency license under these new rules, while not burdening the agency with a reapplication process, DBHR will implement a transition plan in July and August for issuing new agency licenses beginning September 1, 2013. Part of the transition plan includes updating our provider agency database. Under the new rule, when applying for a license, a provider agency is required to submit the physical address of any agency operated facility where certified behavioral health services will be provided [Washington Administrative Code 388-877-0305(1)(d)].

Please provide the following information for *each location* of your agency where licensed or certified services are provided as soon as possible.

Agency license number: _____

Agency name: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Contact person: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Agency website: _____

Information may be provided by mail to: Nancy Murphy, DSHS/DBHR, PO Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5330, or electronically to nancy.murphy@dshs.wa.gov.

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