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Bureau Of Professional And Occupational Affairs

Dear Licensee:

Governor Wolf recently announced a focused multi-agency and anti-stigma campaign, 'Reach Out PA: Your Mental Health Matters,' aimed at expanding resources and the state's comprehensive support of mental health and related health care priorities in Pennsylvania. In furtherance of this goal, the Department is distributing the following voluntary survey to help us better understand barriers to mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Please take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CVJCSM> and provide your responses by March 4, 2020.

Whether you are a family practitioner, psychologist, pediatrician, psychiatrist, or any other type of provider, we want to hear from you. You are on the front lines of our efforts to ensure that everyone who wants or needs mental health treatment has full access to quality services. With better information about what providers are experiencing, we can get a better understanding of parity – the requirement that insurance companies don't place restrictions on mental health and substance use disorder services that are more strict than those used for medical and surgical services.

We realize that roles in provider organizations can range from staff providing direct clinical services to administrative support and to those in leadership roles. This survey is

designed to be responsive to each of those roles because we seek to understand the challenges that arise at various levels of interaction with insurance carriers when it comes to mental health and substance use disorder treatment. All your responses in the accompanying survey will aid us in reaching our primary objective to enhance mental health parity enforcement and increase awareness of the protections that are available for Pennsylvania consumers.

Thank you for your time and curiosity.

If you have questions about the survey or the parity campaign, please email be RA-IN-Parity-PID@pa.gov.

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