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Dear Colleague:

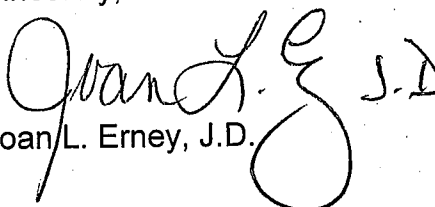
I am pleased to announce the publication of the OMHSAS bulletin on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT). The standards outlined in the bulletin are derived from the National Assertive Community Treatment standards. The issuance of this bulletin is a testimony to our commitment to actively promote the inclusion of more Evidence-Based Practices into our behavioral health service delivery system.

This bulletin stipulates the standards and procedures for developing, administering, and monitoring Assertive Community Treatment programs in the Commonwealth. All programs that identify themselves as Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) or Program(s) for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) shall be required to adhere to the provisions in the bulletin.

In the near future, OMHSAS will also issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of 2 new ACT teams and for the conversion of 2 Community Treatment Teams (CTT) to ACT teams that conform to the fidelity standards. We look forward to continuing the development of viable recovery-oriented treatment options for individuals with mental illness /co-occurring disorders. Your partnership in this endeavor is critical to this effort.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact Benny Varghese at [bvarghese@state.pa.us](mailto:bvarghese@state.pa.us).

Sincerely,

  
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