



Louisiana Department of Health Health Standards Section

Memorandum

September 25, 2024

To: Behavioral Health Service Providers (BHSP)

From: LDH-Health Standard Section

SUBJECT: Update- Act 692 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session

This memorandum serves as an update to the August 5, 2024 memorandum regarding Act 692 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Act 692 revised requirements relative to certain healthcare providers that are subject to facility need review (FNR). It is the Department's position that effective August 1, 2024, Act 692 now requires that residential substance abuse treatment providers **except those that provide services to women, adolescents, or both** shall be subject to FNR to determine if there is a need for new or additional residential substance abuse treatment facilities, providers, programs, services, or beds. Those behavioral health service providers (BHSP) that are currently licensed to provide residential substance abuse treatment, or that have submitted a complete application for licensure as a BHSP to include residential substance abuse treatment services, prior to August 1, 2024, shall not be required to submit an FNR application to retain their existing license for residential substance abuse treatment.

Sincerely,

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