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Memorandum

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To: Behavioral Health Service Providers (BHSP)

From: LDH-Health Standard Section

SUBJECT: Facility Need Review for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

In accordance with Act 692 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Health Standards Section (HSS) is issuing this notice to all licensed behavioral health service providers (BHSP). Act 692 revised the requirements relative to certain healthcare providers that are subject to facility need review (FNR). Effective August 1, 2024, Act 692 now requires that residential substance abuse treatment providers **except those that provide services to women AND adolescents** 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 BHSPs 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.

Please reference the following:

- ACT NO.692
<https://legis.la.gov/Legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1382713>
- FNR Webpage
<https://www.ldh.la.gov/page/fnr>
<https://www.ldh.la.gov/page/apply>
- BHSP Webpage
<https://ldh.la.gov/page/behavioral-health-service-provider>

Sincerely,

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