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### **BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM DLA-20 ASSESSMENT AND COMAR REQUIREMENTS**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

**Applicable to Adult Mental Health Providers that are approved or licensed as Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Programs, Mobile Treatment Services (MTS) Programs, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRPs), and/or Residential Rehabilitation Programs (RRPs)**

The Department recognizes that the requirement that the DLA-20 be completed no earlier than 30 days prior to the start date of the subsequent concurrent review may complicate adherence to the regulatory time frames established in COMAR 10.21 for assessment, evaluation and plan development. These time frames are not present in COMAR 10.63, the recently promulgated behavioral health accreditation regulations. Thus, in response to provider concerns, the Department will implement the following policy in order to align this practice with the expectations for behavioral health accreditation and to promote best practice in the administration of the DLA-20.

**Effective immediately, community behavioral health programs with an accreditation-based licensure will not be subject to the time frames set forth in COMAR 10.21 regulations and may complete the**



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**assessment, evaluation and plan for the above referenced service types as clinically indicated and in accordance with the corresponding accreditation standards, authorization parameters, and DLA-20 administrative protocols.**

As always, the Department appreciates the continuing feedback from providers to ensure that policy is consistent with best practices in service delivery.