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Re: New Health Program Consent (Form DOH-5055)

Dear Colleagues:

The Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) is issuing this letter to briefly communicate OASAS' support for the use of Health Home Program Consent Form (DOH-5055) and the appropriateness of exchanging patient identifying information among authorized parties participating in a Health Home.

OASAS has worked with the Office of Mental Health, AIDS Institute and the Department of Health to fashion a consent form that complies with all legal requirements relative to the protection of a patient's privacy and confidentiality.

The Health Home consent form allows a patient's protected health information to be exchanged among the designated Health Home and all authorized participating partners identified as necessary to meet the individualized treatment needs of the patient. When properly completed and signed, the DOH-5055 consent form complies with the consent requirements of 42 CFR Part 2 and is appropriate for use by chemical dependence treatment providers.

If you have any questions regarding this new consent form, please feel free to contact me directly at (518) 485-2312.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Kent
General Counsel