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**MENTAL HEALTH • MENTAL RETARDATION
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To whom it may concern:

As the designated Mental Health Authority for Harris County, MHMRA (Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority) is currently in the process of updating our Medicaid and Medicare Interested Provider Listing for the patients whom we serve.

For the past 40 years, MHMRA has been serving Harris County residents, adults and children, who are chronically and severely mentally ill. For adults, service eligibility is primarily concentrated in three diagnoses of Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, and Major Depression, severe, with GAF under 50 at initial intake. For children, service eligibility is based on the mental health diagnosis, severity of symptoms, and level of functioning. As many of these patients have become stable or reached baseline, MHMRA is assisting the patients to find providers in the community to continue their treatment.

Providers who are interested and experienced in treating chronically and severely mentally ill adults and children are invited to let us know of their interest for inclusion on a provider handout for our patients. Please complete the letter of interest located on our website at <http://www.mhmraharris.org/Mental-Health-External-Provider-Network.asp#> and fill out the form titled Medicaid/Medicare Provider interest form and return all information as soon as possible. The Interested Provider List will be given to our stable patients when they are ready to transition out of our care as a list of potential providers to contact for their ongoing treatment or to new clients wanting to choose another provider.

Understanding that the patients have a right to choose any Medicaid and Medicare providers, we are attempting to create a group that has an interest and expertise specific to working with persons with severe and persistent mental illness as a means to gain better treatment outcomes and ongoing stability for this population. We will assist our patients until they have connected successfully with an outside provider.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to hear from you soon. If need to reach us, please call us at 713-970- 3400 option 4.

Sincerely,

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