



INTEGRATED CARE AGREEMENT (ICA) QUALIFIED SERVICE ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (QSOA)

This document certifies that Sstarbirth and the Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services will work cooperatively to ensure the provision of coordinated professional services for individuals who have behavioral health care needs.

The broad purposes of this agreement are:

- To enhance and acknowledge the communication between the organizations,
- To strengthen the information base of both programs so as to provide comprehensive education and information to clients, potential clients, their families, and the community,
- To assure that clients are treated with dignity and respect,
- To assure that clients have unbiased access to the most appropriate treatment,
- To respect the rights of all clients,
- To preserve the rights of each organization.

In cases where referrals are made between organizations, or where collaborative services are provided, each organization agrees:

- To make clinically and vocationally appropriate referrals,
- To provide, when applicable, with appropriate releases, an accurate summary of relevant clinical and medical issues, problems, concerns, recommendations as well as expectations,
- To recognize the right of every client to participate in her treatment planning and to agree to the referral,
- To provide, consistent with applicable confidentiality laws and requirements, continuing feedback and/or communication with the referring organization,
- To provide the other with any information related to fees for services,
- To maintain licensure and/or accreditation status and related staff licensure.

More specifically, this agreement states the following:

- Sstarbirth will continue to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment services to its clients referred to the RI Office of Rehabilitation Services subject to clients continuing in "good standing" and in compliance with appropriate policies and procedures of both Sstarbirth and the Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services.
- The Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services will offer vocational assessments and services, information about funding, career counseling and referrals to eligible SStarbirth clients.
- Sstarbirth will provide transportation for its residential clients to the RI Office of Rehabilitation Services.
- Each program will provide other's staff and personnel with periodic in-service orientation/ training related to their respective areas of expertise and service.

In addition, and in recognition of the need for both organizations to share information related to the care of identified patients, both organizations agree that:

- Disclosure of drug and alcohol patient information is governed by Federal Regulation (42 CFR Part 2),

- They will provide, receive, store, or otherwise manage patient information in a manner consistent with the Regulations,
- They will institute and maintain appropriate procedures for safeguarding such information,
- They will resist, through remedies identified in the Regulations, any efforts to obtain any or all patient information in a manner inconsistent with the Regulations,
- They recognize that unauthorized disclosure of patient information under 42CFR Part 2 is a federal criminal offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 in the case of a first offense and not more than \$5000.00 in the case of each subsequent offense.

This agreement is effective May 15, 2004, and shall cover a one (1) year period. It will be reviewed every year to ensure the purposes of this agreement are accomplished. Should either party wish to terminate the foregoing treatment, thirty (30) days written notice must be given to the other party. Termination will automatically occur should either facility fail to maintain its license, certification, or accreditation.

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