

December 16, 2010

Dear Members of the Carroll, Coos and Grafton Sheriff's Departments,

On October 29, 2010, Northern Human Services received notification from Legal Services at New Hampshire Hospital and the clerk of the Concord District Court that Judge Boyle agreed that faxed copies of the IEA Petition are allowed. The waiver of the rule allows Northern Human Services staff to conduct mental health status exams from a remote location via interactive video and forward their findings and when necessary their Witness/Petition Statement via fax to the sending hospital. The IEA Petition will include faxed and original documents and will be assembled at the sending hospital.

As we move forward with this new model for conducting emergency mental health assessments we appreciate your assistance by informing your staff that original IEA paperwork is no longer required by New Hampshire Hospital for admissions when video conferencing technology is used to facilitate the IEA process. I have also informed our Emergency Services staff and the staff of the hospital Emergency Departments of this waiver.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,



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