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May 13, 2024

Ann Marie T. Sullivan, MD  
Commissioner  
New York State Office of Mental Health  
44 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12229

*Submitted electronically: regs@omh.ny.gov*

Dear Commissioner Sullivan:

The Healthcare Association of New York State, on behalf of our member nonprofit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and other healthcare providers, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations (Title 14 NYCRR, Parts 583 and 584) that would streamline admissions to residential treatment facilities.

HANYYS convened ten associations serving diverse healthcare providers to develop recommendations for addressing delays in access to care. We strongly urged the state to increase visibility into delays and streamline the eligibility and referral process for benefits and access to services, including those for mental health services.

The recommendations are published in HANYYS' February 2024 report, [No more waiting: Recommendations to begin addressing care delays for New Yorkers with complex needs](#).

We commend OMH for actively pursuing solutions to address persistent delays in access to care for children in need of residential mental health treatment. HANYYS strongly supports the proposal to require residential treatment facilities to report the:

- number of children or youth deemed not appropriate for admission and the reason(s) why;
- number of children or youth admitted to each residential treatment facility;
- number of children or youth transferred from a hospital operated by OMH and subsequently transferred to another hospital;
- average length of stay for residents at the residential treatment facility;
- number of children or youth served at each residential treatment facility; and
- number of involuntary placements and/or transfers from OMH-operated inpatient facilities.

By collecting this information, OMH will increase visibility into the care needs of children being served by the mental health system and be better equipped to create interventions to prevent delays in access to mental health services.

If you have questions, contact Sarah DuVall, director, behavioral health, at 518.431.7769 or [sduvall@hanys.org](mailto:sduvall@hanys.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Aufiero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

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