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Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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RE: Intoxicated Driver Program – Approved Training (IDP-AT)

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Subject: Intoxicated Driver Program – Approved Training (IDP-AT)

### **Document Summary**

This memo describes new requirements for individuals enrolling in the Intoxicated Driver Program – Approved Training (IDP-AT). Requirements will be effective beginning with the May 20-22, 2014 training.

### **Background**

The Department of Health Services, Intoxicated Driver Program Advisory Committee recommended to the Department that individuals enrolling in the IDP-AT should possess certain knowledge that is not provided within the training. Many of the professions that are currently eligible to be IDP assessors do not obtain education and/or training in their educational programs pertaining to substance use disorders, psychoactive substances, interviewing skills, assessment techniques or effective treatment strategies. This prerequisite will assure basic knowledge in substance use disorders necessary to effectively assess impaired drivers.

### **Eligibility to Enroll in the IDP-AT**

To enroll in the IDP-AT, individuals must verify they meet one of the following prior to enrollment:

1. Proof of certification as a Wisconsin Substance Abuse Counselor In Training (SAC-IT), Substance Abuse Counselor (SAC) or Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC).  
  
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2. Proof of certification as a Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist or Professional Counselor with the Substance Abuse Specialty Authorization.

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Substance Abuse Specialty Authorization must submit a copy of their current State certification. Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professionals Counselors without the Substance Abuse Specialty Authorization must submit verification of completion of the required hours listed below.

3. Proof of completion of the following:
  - (a) 6 hours interviewing skills;
  - (b) 6 hours evidence based counseling techniques;
  - (c) 6 hours case management;
  - (d) 6 hours psychoactive substances;
  - (e) 6 hours professional responsibilities/ethics;
  - (f) 3 hours trauma informed care; and,
  - (g) 3 hours cultural competence.

Individuals who meet DHS 61.06 (1) to (13), Wis. Administrative Code, and individuals who have been granted a waiver by the Department of Health Services, must submit verification of training and/or education that meet the categories and hours above prior to enrolling in the IDP-AT.

Up to fifty-percent of the hours may be obtained through reputable online training.

Send proof of certification/training to: Kristi Obmascher, IDP-AT Training Coordinator, UW Division of Continuing Studies, 21 N Park St, Madison, WI 53715.

### **Action Summary**

Beginning with the May 2014 IDP-AT, individuals enrolling in that course will be required to verify they meet the requirements listed above.

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