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General Comment

We are wondering about enforcement of the Parity Law?

There does not seem to be board or regulatory agency for us to report violations. For instance, as an owner of a small, private treatment program which has been treating dually-diagnosed clients for 20 years, we still are getting denials from major insurers based on the criteria that our clients have not "failed at a lower level of care." When we ask the physicians to give us medical criteria for denial as is our right, they only state they have not failed at out-patient yet. We cannot hold them accountable. PLEASE help us with this. We are positive they meet ASAM criteria; they are in groups which are 50 or more, etc. We would appreciate any help. As an addictional professional for 30+ years, I would be honored to volunteer to help monitor the rights of citizens.