

## Position Statement on Leadership of State Mental Health Services

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All state mental health authorities for mentally ill, addicted, and developmentally disabled individuals must be under the direction of a qualified psychiatrist or include a qualified psychiatrist at the senior management level.