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## Executive Order to Reorganize the Department of Human Services by the Consolidation of the Divisions of Mental Health and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse – Update

As you know, Governor Pat Quinn filed an Executive Order in April consolidating the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse into a single entity called the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services. The order stated that the social supports and community services that people with mental illness and addictions are extremely similar and therefore services should be appropriately coordinated.

The department is reviewing the Senate's objections and will work with the General Assembly to address their concerns in an effort to complete the merger at a later date.

However, at the end of the legislative session, the Senate unanimously disapproved the order. The department is reviewing the Senate's objections and will work with the General Assembly to address their concerns in an effort to complete the merger at a later date. We will keep you updated along the way.