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The Department of Human Services (DHS) recently announced that implementation of the "involuntary outpatient commitment" (IOC) law will be indefinitely delayed. The law was expected to take three years to fully roll out, with seven unidentified counties this year and seven more counties in each of the next two years.

NJAMHAA did not take an official position on the IOC law due to widely disparate views among our membership. As NJAMHAA has maintained since the introduction of the IOC legislation, adequate funds are necessary to appropriately implement the IOC; however, such funding should not take funding from other mental health programs and services. NJAMHAA strongly believes that other revenue sources in the state budget, outside the Department of Human Services, could be utilized to fund the IOC law.

For more information about the delay related to the implementation of the IOC law, [click here to read](#) a story published in the August 16, 2010 edition of [Mental Health Weekly](#) which has kindly allowed us to republish their article.

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