**Section 501.250 Transferring Programs**

It is allowable for PAIP program participants to transfer from one Illinois protocol approved PAIP to another. Circumstances such as a job transfer or going back to school may require an individual to relocate and transfer between programs. The PAIP that is receiving the transfer must ask the person to sign a release of information that will be submitted to the former PAIP and coordinate services whenever possible. Gathering previous intake data and program participation information will promote continuity and improve service delivery. It is not necessary for participants to start the program over as all Illinois protocol compliant PAIPs are following the same requirements; however, some participants may need additional group sessions to meet program requirements in this Part. For out-of-state transfers, the receiving program must ask the participant to sign a release of information. Once signed, the PAIP must contact the former program to gather program and participant information to determine the appropriate length of services.