



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

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### **Pharmacy Alert Letters**

Effective immediately, ValueOptions' PharmaConnect technology is available to the Maryland Public Mental Health System (PMHS). The technology tracks prescriptions filled for Medicaid recipients. PMHS prescribers will receive this information via mailed Pharmacy Alert Letters. The information will, hopefully, be useful in your efforts to continue providing good clinical care.

Pharmacy Alerts include the following categories only:

1. Prescribing of controlled substances by more than one doctor
2. Polypharmacy of three or more antipsychotics for the same individual
3. Early discontinuation of drugs with possible poor compliance
4. Use of antipsychotics in children under six years old
5. Severe drug-drug interactions

**The Pharmacy Alert Letters are for informational purposes only, and do not require any response from the treating prescriber. Input from prescribers is welcome, but not required.**

ValueOptions appreciates feedback from the provider community, and will consider adding additional Pharmacy Alert categories if requested.