



STATE OF MARYLAND

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Providers of Respite Care, Residential Crisis Services and Supported Employment

FROM: Lissa Abrams
Deputy Director

RE: Provider Agreement

Date: July 14, 2010

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This memo is to inform you of a change in procedure for providers in the public mental health system (PMHS).

Previously, the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) required all community mental health service providers to have Medicaid numbers in order to be paid. This included community mental health services that were not reimbursed by Medicaid. While the services were paid with state general funds, providers of these services were instructed to apply and receive a Medicaid number in order to use for billing purposes only.

MHA is revising this process. All providers in the PMHS must enter into a provider agreement with MHA, which will allow the provider to receive payment from the public mental health system through ValueOptions, Inc., MHA's Administrative Services Organization (ASO). MHA is beginning the process first with the non-Medicaid providers.

Enclosed is a provider agreement between the MHA, the local core service agency (CSA), and your organization that is approved to deliver community mental health services. Within 30 days from receipt of this letter, sign the enclosed Provider Agreement, and forward the agreement to the CSA in your jurisdiction. The CSA will then sign the document and forward it to MHA. Once signed and returned to MHA, MHA will instruct Medicaid to terminate the Medicaid numbers that is assigned to non-Medicaid services such as respite care, residential crisis services, and supported employment. ValueOptions will continue to pay the claims for these services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Stacey Diehl on 410-402-8300. Thank you

Enclosure – Provider Agreement

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