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TO: Outpatient Mental Health Providers

FROM: Lissa Abrams
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RE: Clarification of regulation requirements

DATE: 8/30/2010

MHA has worked with ValueOptions to assure that all MHA regulatory requirements are included in the Provider Connect individual service plans. These plans are used for authorization of services and may be used to meet COMAR requirements for treatment and rehabilitation planning.

In keeping with the spirit of facilitating recovery, due to the layout of the proposed plan, MHA decided not to include the individual's diagnosis on the ProviderConnect Treatment Plan for Outpatient Mental Health Clinics (OMHC). When providers use the ProviderConnect treatment plan, the diagnosis should be noted in a contact note or elsewhere in the record. If you have any questions please contact me on abramsl@dhhm.state.md.us. Thank you.

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