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TO: Hospital Providers, ValueOptions, CSA Directors

FROM: Brian M. Hepburn, M.D.
Executive Director, Mental Hygiene Administration

DATE: January 30, 2012

RE: Diagnosis Code Change

The Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) recognizes that under certain circumstances, coding requirements dictate that pregnancy diagnoses must be submitted as the primary or principle diagnosis. As a result of this requirement, effective dates of service April 20, 2010, MHA will accept claim submissions with a diagnosis code of **648.4x Mental disorders complicating pregnancy childbirth or the puerperium** for acute inpatient services only. All existing authorization and review requirements apply. An approved PMHS diagnosis must be provided during the utilization review process.

ValueOptions® Maryland has already reversed and paid previously denied inpatient facility claims for this diagnosis. The lab and ancillary charges associated with those inpatient stays will be reprocessed by the end of February.