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To: The Public Mental Health System
From: Daryl Plevy, Deputy Director, MHA
Regarding: PRP Encounter Submission and Reimbursement
Date: February 9, 2012

Monitoring Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP) encounter data has shown that many providers are submitting only the number of encounters to meet the minimum requirements for reimbursement. The Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) requires that providers develop Individual Rehabilitation Plans (IRP) for each consumer served, as per COMAR 10.21.21.06 (adults) or 10.21.29.06 (children and adolescents). As many PRP providers are submitting only the minimum number of encounters, MHA is concerned that providers are not individualizing their rehabilitation plans to the needs of the consumer.

As a reminder, MHA set a case-rate for PRP services on February 1, 2004, which was based on the historical utilization averages. The averages in 2002/03 were ~13 units per consumer living independently and ~6 units per consumer not living independently, per month. It is MHA's expectation that providers deliver PRP services at a rate that meets each consumer's individual rehabilitative needs.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has asked MHA to reevaluate its reimbursement model and rates for PRP services. To accurately assess the "fee-for-service" and "case rate" reimbursement models and rates, **it is essential and required that all providers submit all encounter data**. Encounters that are not submitted will not be considered in the reassessment of reimbursement rates and models.

For those interested providers, ValueOptions® Maryland has recently offered PRP trainings in October and November, 2011. The next training is scheduled for February 16, 2012. Registration is available at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/878734850>.

For the previous communications on this issue, please refer to the most recent ValueOptions® Maryland Provider Alert on PRP Encounter Submission from December 27, 2010; "Important Information Regarding Billing and Submitting Encounters for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP) Services" (http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2010/122710-PRP_Billing_Encounter_Submission-Corrected.pdf).

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