



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES FOR PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAMS**

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Effective March 26, 2012, MHA has instructed ValueOptions to use the following guidelines when authorizing PHP:

- When being admitted to PHP from outpatient services, the initial authorization will be for up to 7 days; if needed; concurrent authorizations will be for up to 3 days.
- When being admitted to PHP from an Inpatient Psychiatry unit, the initial and any concurrent authorizations will be for up to 3 days.

As always, authorizations are based on the consumer's clinical status and the MHA/VO Medical Necessity Criteria.