



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

55 Wade Avenue • Catonsville, Maryland 21228

Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

To: The Public Mental Health System
From: Daryl Plevy, Deputy Director, MHA
Regarding: Uninsured Eligibility Clarification
Date: May 24, 2012

The Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) published documentation requirements for uninsured consumer's eligibility in a June 9, 2011 memo (see: http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2011/060911-Uninsured_Eligibility_Requirements_for_Documentation.pdf). MHA recognizes that there are certain occasions when the provider community is not able to obtain all of the required documentation specified in this memorandum in a timely manner.

Effective June 1, 2012, item 8 of the above referenced memo is changed to read:

8. In situations where a consumer is in crisis or unstable and in need of immediate services, the provider must attest in writing to the immediate need for services and services should be provided, but required documentation must be provided in 30 days.

Exceptions:

- a. Residential Crisis Services - MHA will waive the uninsured eligibility documentation requirements for residential crisis services if appropriate. The provider must keep a written record of efforts to determine eligibility or reasons why said information is unavailable.
- b. Discharge from a State of Maryland psychiatric hospital - MHA will allow six months for providers to obtain the required documentation for consumer's requiring an uninsured span when they are being discharged from a State of Maryland psychiatric hospital.
- c. Initial placement to a Residential Rehabilitation Program - MHA will allow six months for providers to obtain the required documentation for consumer's requiring an uninsured span for an initial placement to a Residential Rehabilitation Program.

Toll Free 1-877-4MD-DHMH • TTY for Disabled - Maryland Relay Service 1-800-735-2258

Web Site: www.dhmh.state.md.us