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TO: All Public Mental Health Providers

From: Daryl Plevy, Deputy Director, Mental Hygiene Administration

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RE: Suicidal Ideation and Other “V code” Diagnoses

This memorandum is intended to clarify the payment policy under the Public Mental Health System for claims submitted with the primary diagnosis of Suicidal Ideation (V62.84) or other “V code” diagnoses. The Public Mental Health System (PMHS), as a specialty network, has an approved listing of diagnosis codes for which providers can bill for services (see: http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/clin_ut/PMHS_Diagnosis.pdf)

“V code” diagnosis codes, though billable, are generally too ambiguous for a payment decision to be rendered and thus require a medical record review. In some cases another less ambiguous diagnosis code that relates to the “V code” may be available and if used will likely result in a more timely payment.

In circumstances where the diagnosis code does not meet the above criteria, the claim will deny on the first submission. The provider will then need to submit an appeal attaching the medical record for review and re-consideration. A copy of the claim and medical record should be sent to: Claims Review, Attn: Linda Garrington, ValueOptions Maryland, 1099 Winterson Road, Ste. 200, Linthicum, Md. 21090.