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To: The Public Mental Health System

From: Daryl Plevy, Deputy Director, Mental Hygiene Administration

Regarding: PRP Encounter Submission and Reimbursement Follow Up for Child and Adolescent PRPs

Date: April 12, 2013

In the February 10, 2012 Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) memo, “PRP Encounter Submission and Reimbursement,” Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRP) were reminded that they are required to submit **all** Encounter data and not just the minimum number of encounters to receive payment. The memo also reminded PRP providers that a case-rate was set for PRP services, based on historical utilization averages. The average for children and adolescents was approximately 6 units per consumer, per month.

Per the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), providers are required to develop Individual Rehabilitation Plans (IRP) for each child (10.21.29.06) served. It has been and continues to be MHA's expectation that providers deliver PRP services at a frequency that meets each consumer's individual rehabilitation needs and that all encounters are submitted at the time of billing.

MHA monitors the number of encounters providers are billing, per month, for child and adolescent PRP services. The decline in frequency of child and adolescent PRP encounters is of significant concern to MHA. Monthly PRP encounters have dropped by nearly 16% in the last year and by nearly 50% over the last 10 years. Given that the frequency of Encounters continues to decline over time, MHA is actively re-evaluating the reimbursement model and rates for child and adolescent PRP services.

For previous communications on this issue, please refer to the MHA Memo from 2/10/12 ([http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2012/021012-PRP Encounter Submission and Reimbursement.pdf](http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2012/021012-PRP%20Encounter%20Submission%20and%20Reimbursement.pdf)) and the ValueOptions® Maryland Provider Alert on PRP Encounter Submission from December 27, 2010 ([http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2010/122710-PRP Billing Encounter Submission-Corrected.pdf](http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2010/122710-PRP%20Billing%20Encounter%20Submission-Corrected.pdf)).