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INPATIENT AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AND 30-DAY READMISSION RATE ACCESSABILITY

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To improve accessibility, the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) and ValueOptions Maryland® will post a monthly report, starting in August, on the average length of stay (ALOS) and 30-day readmission rates (Readm) for inpatient psychiatry in hospitals participating in Maryland's Public Mental Health System (PMHS). This information will be listed at:

ValueOptions: http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/prv_info.htm

The MHA: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/mha/SitePages/data.aspx>

The Report has two sections: one for the average length of stay (ALOS) and the second for the facility's 30 day readmission rate.

The ALOS Section:

The average length of stay is determined by counting the paid dates of service for all Medicaid discharges from Inpatient Psychiatry Units in the previous 12 months. Averaging the paid dates of service per episode of care gives an average length of stay. In order to allow for all Medicaid claims to be included, discharges are counted with a 90 day lag prior to date of report release each month.

The 30-day Readm Section:

The 30-day readmission rate reflects any Medicaid covered discharge from all Inpatient Psychiatry Units where there is an authorization filed for a readmission to a psychiatry unit at the same or any other hospital within 30 days of discharge.

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