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TO: Hospital Providers, ValueOptions, CSA Directors

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RE: Diagnosis Code Update—648.4X

The Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) recognizes that under certain circumstances, coding requirements dictate that pregnancy diagnoses must be submitted as the primary or principle diagnosis. As a result of this requirement, effective from dates of service April 20, 2010, MHA will accept claim submissions with a diagnosis code of **648.4x Mental disorders complicating pregnancy childbirth or the puerperium** for hospital outpatient services as well as for the acute inpatient services. All existing authorization and review requirements apply. An approved PMHS diagnosis must be provided during the utilization review process.

ValueOptions® Maryland has been paying services for the acute inpatient services. Systems are being updated and ValueOptions will pay them in the same manner as acute inpatient service. Previously denied outpatient facility claims for this diagnosis will be reprocessed shortly.