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SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT/TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH DIAGNOSIS 296.90

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ValueOptions' ProviderConnect system was switched from being DSM IV compatible to being DSM-5 compatible in June, 2014. In the DSM IV, the diagnosis of 296.90 (Mood Disorder Not Otherwise Specified [NOS]) was a valid diagnosis and was a diagnosis that was within the scope of Maryland's Public Mental Health System (PMHS). In the current DSM-5, this diagnosis no longer exists. Therefore, anyone with a diagnosis of 296.90 will need to have the diagnosis changed to a diagnosis that is compatible with DSM-5, before continued authorizations for PMHS services can be granted.

While most PMHS services require clinicians who can change the diagnosis themselves, Supported Employment and Targeted Case Management may not have immediate access to a diagnosing clinician. Because of this, there may need to be a delay in authorization to allow for these services to secure a change in the diagnosis by the mental health professional(s) who actively treat the consumer.

The Core Service Agencies (CSA) and the ValueOptions Care Managers who manage the requests for Targeted Case Management and Supported Employment services are prepared to backdate authorizations for these services; as long as it takes less than 90 days to secure the changed diagnosis.

For consumers with a 296.90 diagnosis who have an authorization for Targeted Case Management or Supported Employment that ends in the months of June through September, 2014, the start date for the new authorization can be retroactively linked to the end date of the previous authorization. The CSAs and ValueOptions can allow retrospective authorizations for up to 90-days from the end date of the previous authorization.

ValueOptions and the CSAs have reports that capture all consumers with a Mood Disorder NOS diagnosis whose Supported Employment or Targeted Case



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Management authorizations expire in the months of June, July, August, and September.

Please contact your CSA (Supported Employment) and/or ValueOptions (Targeted Case Management) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the need for a changed diagnosis for continued PMHS services.