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TO: Laboratories
Opioid Treatment Providers
ADAA Certified Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
Managed Care Organizations
ValueOptions

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Medicaid Billing and Enrollment for Laboratories

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

For dates of service after 12/31/2014, Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will not be responsible for payment to providers delivering substance use disorder (SUD) services as listed in the updated COMAR 10.09.70, available at: <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/MDRegister/4120.pdf>. These services will instead be authorized and reimbursed by the Department's Administrative Services Organization (ASO), ValueOptions (VO). The following information further clarifies billing procedures for properly enrolled Medicaid laboratories.

Laboratories

For dates of service after 12/31/2014, laboratories must bill the Department's ASO, VO, for drug screening services related to SUD treatment services. Maryland Medicaid has decided to follow the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding drug-screening services. Medicare has decided not to price the new drug testing codes using the new CPT codes. Maryland Medicaid will follow Medicare and use the alphanumeric G codes developed to replace the 2014 CPT codes that are being deleted for 2015. Maryland Medicaid reimburses for lab tests at 79.5% of Medicare payment rates.

Maryland Medicaid will use G0434 to report simple testing methods, such as dipsticks, cups, cassettes, and cards that are interpreted visually, with the assistance of a scanner, or are read utilizing a moderately complex reader device outside the instrumented laboratory setting. This code is also

used to report any other type of drug screen testing using test(s) that are classified as Clinical Laboratory Improvements (CLIA) moderate complexity test(s). G0434 is a qualitative drug screen test that is CLIA waived. Please note that only one unit of service for code G0434 can be billed per patient, per encounter regardless of the number of drug classes tested. OTPs have this service included in their bundled weekly rates. Therefore, if a physician working with an OTP orders G0434, the laboratory should bill the OTP for this service.

Maryland Medicaid will use G0431 for more complex testing methods, such as multi-channel chemistry analyzers, where a more complex instrumented device is required to perform some or all of the screening tests for the patient. This code may only be used if the drug screen is classified as a CLIA high complexity test(s). CLIA waived tests and comparable non-waived tests may not be reported using test code G0431 and must instead be billed using procedure code G0434. G0431 may only be reported once per patient, per encounter. Laboratories billing G0431 must not append the QW modifier to the claim. **Additionally, all SUD laboratory claims must have the SUD diagnosis included on the claim.**

Other single use CPT codes which may be billed to ValueOptions when medically appropriate are as follows:

- G6040 Alcohol; any specimen except breathe
- G6042 Amphetamine or methamphetamine
- G6043 Barbiturates, not otherwise specified
- G6031 Benzodiazepines
- 80348 Buprenorphine
- G6044 Cocaine or metabolite
- G6053 Methadone
- G6056 Opiate(s), drug and metabolites, each procedure

Medicaid Enrollment and ValueOptions Registration

In order to receive authorization and Medicaid payment for SUD services delivered after 12/31/2014, providers must ensure they have completed the following before January 1, 2015:

1. Properly enrolled with Maryland Medicaid
2. Registered with ValueOptions through the ProviderConnect system

If you wish to confirm whether you have an active Medicaid number, please contact DHMH.BHEnrollment@Maryland.gov.

To register with ValueOptions, please call **1-800-888-1965**; providers may press option 6 then option 8 for the consult line.

Additional Information

The Department encourages you to participate in training opportunities hosted by ValueOptions. For more information on provider trainings, please visit the ValueOptions Integration site at <http://maryland.valueoptions.com/whats-new.htm>.

To sign up for Provider Alerts from ValueOptions, please send an email to marylandproviderrelations@valueoptions.com.

To review a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the ASO Transition, please see <http://maryland.valueoptions.com/whats-new.htm>.