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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van T. Mitchell, Secretary*

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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to provide additional clarification about recent changes to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (the Department) process for admitting adult psychiatric patients to Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) within the Public Behavioral Health System. This policy will go into effect September 1, 2015. Claims submitted through August 31, 2015 will not be subject to these additional authorization and funding caps.

As this process moves forward, the Department will continue to provide you with regular updates. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this IMD authorization process please contact Ms. Daryl Plevy, Director of Operations at the Behavioral Health Administration at [daryl.plevy@maryland.gov](mailto:daryl.plevy@maryland.gov) or at 410-402-8450. All other questions should be directed to Dr. Zereana Jess-Huff, CEO to ValueOptions, Inc., Maryland, at 410-691-4000 or [Zereana.jess-huff@valueoptions.com](mailto:Zereana.jess-huff@valueoptions.com).

Sincerely,

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