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ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES

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The attached document has been developed as an outgrowth of a multidisciplinary effort to provide clarification on the Maryland Public Behavioral Health System Child and Adolescent service array subsequent to the recent implementation and expansion of new services for youth under Maryland Medicaid. Throughout 2016, a wrap around, care coordination model was rolled out which includes the availability of expanded services for complex needs youth (1915i services).

There are no changes to the regulations for these levels of care contained in COMAR, the Maryland Medicaid Medical Necessity Criteria or the Beacon Health Options Provider Manual Service descriptions. Rather, the document was designed to help explain the differences among the various service types. Approval for services at any level of care always requires meeting of medical necessity.

This document was developed by a stakeholder task force, which included direct input and feedback from providers across all service categories, provider advocacy groups, along with collaboration from Medicaid, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and Beacon.



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Links to provider manual:

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH06_09-Therapeutic-Behavioral-Services.pdf

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH06_05-MH-Mobile-Treatment-&-Asse.pdf

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH06_15-MH-CMS.pdf

Links to Medical Necessity Criteria:

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH07_15-Therapeutic-Behavioral-Services-Child_Adolescent.pdf

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH07_14-Mobile-Treatment-Services-Child_Adolescent.pdf

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH07_20-Targeted-Case-Management-Child_Adolescent.pdf