



PROVIDER ALERT

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES REFERRALS, COORDINATION OF CARE, AND MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEWS

CLARIFICATION OF MHA POLICY

AUGUST 30, 2012

1. Per MHA instructions, the following item related to the transition of RRP based PRP authorization management to ValueOptions has been put on hold pending further discussions with affected providers and other key stakeholders.
 - Initial authorizations for consumers referred to RRP based services by an Inpatient mental health provider will be issued for a period of one to six months, depending on the clinical presentation and history of the consumer.

2. Per COMAR, decisions regarding the appropriate level of RRP services provided are to be based upon the needs of the individual. Because MHA and ValueOptions strongly recognize the potential destabilizing effect that any abrupt or sudden changes to an individual's care plan or environment can have, both will work closely with providers and key stakeholders to ensure that authorization decisions are made with consideration to both comply with COMAR and minimize any type of destabilizing risk to the individual associated with the change. MHA and ValueOptions will work with providers, consumers and other affected stakeholders to develop a process to ensure a smooth transition to less intensive levels of care.