

Provider Alert 2/24/11

Dear Providers

On June 2, 2010, we sent the below email advising you of the need to comply with the requirement that, **Beginning one year from their recredentialing date, all existing ValueOptions® Kansas providers must offer evidence that any diagnosis is made by an independently licensed behavioral health professional. Providers who are not able to offer this evidence by the one year anniversary of their credentialing date may appear before the ValueOptions National Credentialing Committee to request an individual waiver based on special circumstances. There is no guarantee that individual waivers will be granted.**

Since that email was sent, we have held a series of meetings and conference calls to discuss the parameters of the requirement with Providers. We have also issued two sets of Frequently Asked Questions, which are attached to this email.

Several months ago, we asked Providers to submit examples of their clinical models so that we could share them with the network as a whole. Since Kansas Providers serve such diverse areas of the State, we hoped that these examples would offer a snapshot of the variety of forms clinical oversight can take. We have recently received enough of the Provider summaries to merit a conference call to discuss them.

We strongly recommend that as many Providers and staff members as possible participate in the conference call. The details are as follows:

Provider Conference Call Regarding Clinical Oversight
Wednesday, March 16, 2011
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Central Standard Time
Call in number: 866-817-6373
Participant code: 2135079

In the interim, please take the opportunity to review and share with your staff TIP 52 regarding Clinical Supervision:

<http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/manuals/tips/pdf/TIP52.pdf>

Best regards,
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