

**ValueOptions® Maryland**  
**Update**  
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**Medical Necessity Criteria:** The updated “Medical Necessity Criteria for Use by Maryland PMHS” has been approved by the MHA and has been posted on the ValueOptions® website. The Criteria can be accessed and downloaded at:  
[http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/prv\\_man.htm](http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/prv_man.htm).

**Claims Update:**

- To ensure timely payment, please be aware that the “member number” field, on both paper and electronic claims, must include either the member’s Medicaid Identification Number or the ValueOptions® Maryland assigned member number. A Social Security Number entered in the “member number” field does not allow the claim to be auto-adjudicated. These claims must be manually processed, resulting in a delay in payment.
- Reminder: Only PMHS diagnoses are reimbursable by the MHA. Providers may use ICD-9 Code 799.99 (Other unknown and unspecified cause) to request an initial OMS or non-OMS outpatient therapy authorization. However, this diagnosis is not reimbursable. The claim must include the diagnosis based on the evaluation of the consumer.

**TBS Referral Form:** In response to provider requests, a “TBS Referral Form” has been developed and posted on the ValueOptions® Maryland website and can be downloaded at:  
[http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/prv\\_forms.htm](http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/prv_forms.htm), “Clinical Forms”.

**Outpatient Therapy for minors in PRP:** Per MHA, the COMAR requirement that a minor receiving PRP services must also receive outpatient therapy, is met if the child is participating in individual or group therapy.