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PROVIDER ALERT

PBHS MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA

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Under the authority of the State of Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS), the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) bases its decisions on "medical necessity". Medical necessity is met when a participant has a behavioral health disorder that requires professional evaluation and treatment, and the level of care provided is the least intensive, least restrictive level of care that is able to safely meet the participant's behavioral health and medical needs.

PMHS providers are encouraged to review the PBHS medical necessity criteria in Chapter 7 of the Provider Manual found at the link below:

<http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/handbook/MD-PBHS-Provider-Manual.pdf>

Please forward your comments and questions to Marylandproviderrelations@valueoptions.com. This topic will be on the agenda for the next Provider Council meeting which is scheduled for January 8, 2016 from 10am to 11:30am. The call-in number to the meeting is 1-866-783-8972 and pass code is 1130018.