



August 7, 2008

Subject: COPS-Only Billing Clarification

Dear MH Clinic Program Director:

It has come to the attention of the Office of Mental Health (OMH) that some COPS providers (Level I and Level II) may have been claiming COPS-only reimbursement for the provision of services for which there is no underlying documentation of a paid or approved managed care service claim. As you know, a COPS-only payment may only be generated where there is documentation of a managed care paid, or approved, service having been provided for the service for which a COPS-only claim is being made. Failure to obtain payment, or approval, for provision of the service for which a COPS-only payment is made, will result in disallowance of such payment upon post-payment review.

If you have any questions on this clarification, please contact George Mayer (518-473-0552 or e-mail at cofgghm@omh.state.ny.us) or Robert Blaauw (518-473-5478 or e-mail at cofgbeb@omh.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

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