



November 26, 2013

Re: Behavioral Health Organizations

Dear Colleague,

On November 6th, 2013 the Offices forwarded a letter to providers describing plans to end Phase I BHO concurrent review in January 2014. This letter clarifies provider expectations regarding reporting new episodes of care for children and adolescents with a serious emotional disturbance.

Current Phase I BHO guidelines require that OMH licensed specialty clinics notify the BHO of each new episode of care initiated for a child or adolescent diagnosed as having a serious emotional disturbance and who is covered by Medicaid managed care. This requirement will end as of January 1, 2014.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,

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