

General Provider Communication

*Maricopa County Regional Behavioral Health Authority
Magellan Health Services of Arizona, Inc.*



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Dear Provider,

Thank you for your participation in the fiscal year 2010 (FY10) provider contracting meeting last month. I enjoyed the interactive dialog around the opportunities and challenges facing the behavioral health system in the coming year. My team and I were able to provide an overview of the current budget situation, review FY10 contracting priorities and service trends, outline bridge funding payments methodology, and review the contract amendment process, which assist in expediting the final FY10 contracting process. In addition, we discussed the need to develop collaborative workgroups to gather input on prioritization of non-titled (NT).

While the FY 2010 budget has still not been finalized and we do not know the exact appropriation, it is incumbent upon us to begin the process of identifying strategies to live within our NT funding allocation. This will necessitate identifying NT services that can be managed and prioritized so they are available throughout the year in addition to prioritizing NT services, which will be secondary and only offered based on available funding. As a community, we engaged in a similar process in FY09 around the limited NT GMH/SA funding which resulted in the creation of a comprehensive crisis safety net and the development of a new peer navigation system. We look forward to a similar creative approach to meeting new funding challenges facing the behavioral health system and the individuals we serve.

To that end, we will be holding NT funding workgroup kick off meetings at the Magellan administrative building in the Cottonwood Conference Room. One meeting will be geared for children's providers and one for adult providers.

- Children's Workgroup: Tuesday, August 18, 2009, from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Adult Workgroup: Friday, August 21, 2009, from 3 to 5 p.m.

We will establish follow up meeting dates, times and locations during the initial session.

We look forward to your participation and involvement in developing strategies and recommendations so that we can jointly manage to the available appropriation.

Sincerely,

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