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Mental Health Managed Care Contractor Change in El Paso, Park and Teller Counties

Effective October 1, 2001, Access Behavioral Care Pikes Peak (ABCPP) will replace Pikes Peak-Options Colorado Health Networks as the Mental Health Assessment and Services Agency (MHASA) for the Mental Health Capitation Program in El Paso, Park and Teller counties.

Transition of current enrollees and clients in treatment

The State will transfer current Pikes Peak-Options Colorado Health Networks members to ABCPP effective October 1, 2001.

ABCPP will work with current service providers and with Pikes Peak-Options Colorado Health Networks to transition existing clients to the new managed care plan. A smooth transition will ensure uninterrupted client services.

Providers must receive service authorizations from ABCPP for any services rendered on or after October 1, 2001. Any current service authorizations from Pikes Peak-Options Colorado Health Networks will be void after September 30, 2001.

Enrollment of new Medicaid clients

Beginning October 1, 2001, new Medicaid clients in the affected counties with managed care mental health eligibility will be enrolled in ABCPP. If Medicaid eligibility is retroactive, enrollment in ABCPP is retroactive. Enrollment in ABCPP will be retroactive *only* back to October 1, 2001 even when a client's Medicaid eligibility is retroactive prior to October 1, 2001. Covered mental health services for the retroactive Medicaid eligibility period prior to October 1, 2001 will be covered by the fee-for-service program.

Example: An individual in El Paso county is determined to be eligible for Medicaid on November 15, 2001. Eligibility is retroactive back to August 12, 2001. The fee-for-service program covers the client's mental health services for the period of August 12, 2001 through September 30, 2001. ABCPP coverage begins October 1, 2001.

Providers are reminded to verify Medicaid mental health care coverage prior to providing all non-emergency mental health services. Providers are responsible for determining whether services are covered by the fee-for-service program or by ABCPP and for billing the correct payer.

Service authorizations

Providers serving clients enrolled in Pikes Peak-Options Colorado Health Networks for their mental health services must obtain service authorizations from ABCPP for any non-emergency mental health services (inpatient or outpatient) delivered to ABCPP members on or after October 1, 2001. Any existing service authorizations issued by Pikes Peak-Options Colorado Health Networks are not valid after September 30, 2001.

Service authorization procedures used by ABCPP may be different than the current authorization procedures. Some outpatient services that currently do not require prior authorization may require prior authorization under ABCPP.

Additional information about the transition

Providers may obtain additional information about the transition to Access Behavioral Care Pikes Peak by contacting ABCPP at:

1-800-414-6190 and asking for Provider Network Services

**ABCPP will have its Provider Manual ready for distribution approximately
September 21, 2001.**

Access Behavioral Care name change in Denver

Access Behavioral Care is the current MHASA serving Medicaid clients in Denver County. In order to clearly distinguish its two Medicaid managed care mental health programs, Access Behavioral Care has changed its name in Denver to Access Behavioral Care Denver.

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