



PROVIDER ALERT

CONSUMER PROVIDER CHOICE

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Recently there have been questions surrounding a consumer's right to choose the provider(s) that they wish to see in the Maryland Public Mental Health System.

COMAR 10.09.36, General Medical Assistance Provider Participation Criteria contains specific language regarding this issue:

COMAR 10.09.36.03 A: "To participate in the Program, the provider shall comply with the following criteria...:

(10) Place no restriction on a recipient's right to select health care providers of the recipient's choice..."

Providers are required to coordinate services and need to make sure that the services are authorized by ValueOptions Maryland prior to seeing the consumer.