

Physician Referral and Ongoing Communication

Physician (MD or DO) Referral Form for TRICARE[®] beneficiaries accessing care with Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors or Pastoral Counselors.

Instructions: Please submit this completed form with initial claim for TRICARE patient indicated or **Fax to (803) 462-3990**. Ongoing physician communication must be indicated on all subsequent claims by listing referring physician name (MD or DO) in box 17 or box 19 of your CMS-1500 claim form. For electronic claim submissions, please contact the EMC help desk at 1-800-325-5920 to verify the best way to indicate continued communication for the electronic billing software method you use.

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Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____ Sponsor #: _____

Patient Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

Reason for Referral/Disposition: _____

ICD-9 Diagnosis: _____

Print Name of LMHC, LPC, or PC receiving this referral: _____

The referring physician (MD or DO) is providing:

REFERRAL ONLY: REFERRAL AND ONGOING COMMUNICATION:

Please Note: TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.57M, Chapter 11, Section 3.1, states that in order for Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs and LPCs), and Pastoral Counselors (PCs) to be considered for benefits on a fee-for-service basis by TRICARE, the beneficiary/patient must be evaluated by a physician who provides a diagnosis and referral to the LMHC, LPC, or PC, prior to the start of treatment. A physician must also provide continued and ongoing communication of treatment. Documentation must be submitted with claims. Failure to follow this requirement may result in non-payment. Beneficiaries will be held harmless. It is the responsibility of the civilian provider (not the beneficiary) to ensure referral and ongoing communication is obtained prior to rendering services. Frequently military physicians elect not to provide the required referral and communication, or may be willing to submit a referral but not provide ongoing communication. ValueOptions may be able to assist with finding a civilian physician in these cases.

Referring Physician Information:

Print Name: _____ Is the Physician a PCM? _____ YES _____ NO

Practice Location: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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