



RE: Behavioral Health Care Services for MDwise Hoosier Healthwise and HIP members

We are pleased to announce a new initiative in the care of psychiatric and behavioral health conditions within our MDwise membership. Beginning 1/1/2009, MDwise will be assuming clinical and financial responsibility for behavioral health services within our networks. This transition is in concert with the intent of the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to move towards more integrated care for our Medicaid members. Therefore, on 12/31/2008, our contract with CompCare will expire, and the behavioral healthcare needs of MDwise Hoosier Healthwise members will be managed and paid for within the MDwise network model.

As providers, this represents a significant change in how you obtain authorization and are paid for your services. MDwise believes this will be a less fragmented and more holistic model of care in addressing physical and behavioral healthcare needs of our members. As with any new initiative, there will be a time of transition and adjustment to new procedures, but you have our commitment to work tirelessly to aid you through this process.

### **The MDwise Model**

MDwise utilizes a delivery system model in which members are assigned to a primary medical provider (PMP) in one of nine networks (called delivery systems). The delivery systems have networks of PMPs, specialists and ancillary providers in their designated service area and arrange for the provision of most covered services. Delivery system staff conduct medical and care management activities for their respective members. Your MDwise members will remain assigned to one of these delivery systems, however instead of CompCare, the delivery system to whom the member is assigned will now be managing the behavioral health services. Eligibility and assigned delivery system can be verified by accessing the EDS Web Interchange at [www.indianamedicaid.com](http://www.indianamedicaid.com).

### **MDwise Behavioral Health Network**

The current CompCare provider network will transition to the MDwise Behavioral Health Network effective 1/1/2009. MDwise is partnering with Behavioral Health Management Inc. (BHMI) to build this network. BHMI is an administrative organization which represents a consortium of all 30 community mental health centers throughout Indiana. A key BHMI partner, Indiana-based InteCare, is responsible for reaching out to provide contracting and credentialing for all providers who wish to participate in the new MDwise Behavioral Health Network. The network will include hospitals, practice groups and independent behavioral health providers.

The attached packet of information includes materials necessary for you to participate in the MDwise Behavioral Health Network. If you are not already a provider credentialed by InteCare, a credentialing application is included for completion. InteCare also accepts the CAQH credentialing application or the Hoosier Healthwise Standardized Behavioral Health Credentialing Application. InteCare requests that your credentialing application be submitted by November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Contracting Information Sessions

MDwise and BHMI will be hosting a series of conference calls to review these documents and answer any questions providers may have. Please join us by phone on one of the following dates

### Community Mental Health Centers:

Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am to 11:00 am or  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (*Indianapolis time*)

### Acute Care & Psychiatric Hospitals:

Tuesday, Nov.18<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am to 11:00am or  
2:00 pm to 3:30pm (*Indianapolis time*)

**Conference Call Number:** 1-866-758-9239

**Conference ID:** 8795210

### Independent Practice Clinicians:

Wednesday, Nov.19<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am to 11:00am or  
5:00pm to 6:30pm (*Indianapolis time*)

If you have questions about contracting or credentialing in the meantime, please feel free to call BHMI at 866-323-3464 or in Indianapolis at 317-237-5774.

Thank you for your continued support of MDwise and our members. Both MDwise and BHMI look forward to your participation in the new MDwise Behavioral Health Network – as providers in one or all of the MDwise Medicaid Programs.

Sincerely,



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