Magellan Compliance Notebook – April, 2015

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) strives on being proactive and using education as a preventative tool to provide our members the highest quality of care through you, the provider.

This e-mail communication is specific to your HealthChoices (Pennsylvania Medicaid) Contract with Magellan.

The Compliance Department at Magellan is committed to sending monthly e-mails to targeted providers regarding a Compliance related subject. This month we'd like to share a recent MA Bulletin and other associated information related to Mandatory Reporting. This information was shared by OMHSAS via the General Listserv distribution; however, to ensure that all providers received this critical information, Magellan is re-sharing the material, and as always will post it on www.MagellanofPA.com under Provider Communications.

The attached documents provide important information about the Adult Protective Services (APS) Law related to reporting suspected cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment.

The purpose of the bulletin is to establish guidelines and procedures for a consistent statewide process for reporting, categorizing, and investigating incidents involving individuals in the public mental health system. This process also includes the structure for taking immediate corrective actions as well as analyzing incident trends to prevent recurrence. As a result, the Commonwealth's behavioral health system will be better able to systematically monitor and protect the health, safety, dignity, rights and welfare of individuals receiving services and treatment.

The updated bulletin OMHSAS-15-01 renders OMHSAS-06-04 obsolete.

Additional information about the APS Law, including the forms to be used by mandated reporters and the associated instructions to complete these forms may be found on the Department of Human Service's website: http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/. Click on the Report Abuse icon on the left side of the screen. A recorded webinar explaining the APS Law and how to make mandatory reports is also located on this website. Questions regarding the Guidance document or the APS Law should be directed to RA-PWAPSQuestions@pa.gov or 717.736.7116.

At Magellan, we will continue to educate our providers with updated MA Bulletins, Regulations and other pertinent information in order to ensure Compliance.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our members!

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