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TO: Programs Certified under ADAA Regulations
FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services
RE: Clarification of Substance Use Disorder Services and Student Interns

NOTE: Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this memorandum.

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the previous Memorandum dated December 2, 2009, titled: Licensure Requirements for MA billing to specify the licenses accepted to approve assessments and treatment plans for Medicaid recipients.

State certified programs may not submit claims for the delivery of services performed by student interns, whether they are in a Bachelor's or a Master's Program who are not yet graduated and do not possess any certification, licensure or trainee status. The Department encourages the use of Student interns performing in a learning environment to develop skills in the field of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) since students require a minimum number of hours of practice and experience to earn their degree and become licensed in their field. However, Medicaid does not cover services that are solely delivered by these student interns.

The Department does reimburse for services delivered by a licensed graduate professional of counseling or social work programs who have obtained their graduate license and are working under the direct supervision of an appropriately licensed staff member of a program certified under ADAA regulations.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this memorandum, please contact DHMH.MedicaidSUD@Maryland.gov.