



Letter of Direction #8

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Date: May 3, 2019
To: Centennial Care Managed Care Organizations
From:  Nicole Comeaux, Director, Medical Assistance Division
 Chris Habgood, Interim Director, Behavioral Health Services Division
Subject: Valle Del Sol, Inc. Payment of Adult Psycho-Social Rehab Services
Title: Timely Filing Waiver for VDS PSR Services

The Human Services Department received formal notification on August 14, 2018 from Tri-County Community Services of their pending closure. Tri-County Community Services was contracted with each of the Centennial Care, Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) as a Core Service Agency for adult behavioral health services in the tri-county service area. The notice of closure only provided for a two week notice as opposed to the required 90-day advance notification requirement. Under their respective provider agreements with Tri-County Community Services, the MCOs initiated an expedited formal transition planning process under emergency conditions. This process was carried out in collaboration with Human Services Department, Department of Health, area providers and the communities impacted, to assure that all services and active clients were appropriately transitioned.

Valle Del Sol, Inc., which has been serving as the Core Service Agency for children in this same service area, agreed in good faith to also become the adult Core Service Agency and serve as the major transition provider. As a result, Valle Del Sol had to assume most, if not all, of the staff, clients, and services of Tri-County Community Services within the emergency transition period. In some instances, this required maintaining services in the same facilities that had been operated by Tri-County Community Services.

The purpose of this letter of direction is to direct the MCOs to waive the timely filing requirements and allow for submission of the psychosocial rehabilitation Medicaid claims and render payment for services provided by Valle Del Sol at two licensed facilities located in Taos and Raton. The waiver of timely filing requirements will cover the psychosocial rehabilitation services delivered from September 1, 2018 through February 1, 2019 by Valle Del Sol at the two licensed facilities located in Taos and Raton.

This Letter of Direction will sunset on June 30, 2019.