Important Information on Coordination of Care

Coordination of care among behavioral health clinicians and medical care providers improves the quality of care for your patients.

How Does Coordination of Care Impact Your Patient?

- Minimizing potential adverse medication interactions for patients prescribed psychotropic medication
- Allowing better management of treatment and follow-up for patients with co-existing behavioral and medical disorders
- Confirming for a primary physician that the patient followed through on the primary care physician’s referral to a behavioral health professional

When Should Coordination Take Place?

- During the initial session, talk with your patient about the importance of your interaction with his/her treating clinicians, including their medical care providers
- At the beginning and at periodic intervals during treatment, especially when a medication has been initiated or changed or a patient’s condition has altered
- When a patient is discharged from treatment, transferred to a higher level of care or referred elsewhere

Guidelines to Facilitate Effective Communication:

Within a week of the initial assessment, provide other treating professionals with the following information:

- A brief summary of the patient’s assessment and treatment plan recommendations
- Diagnosis (Axis 1-5)
- Medications prescribed, including name, strength and dosage
- Your name, contact information and the best time to reach you by phone

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