



Request for Information (RFI)

The West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) is requesting notice of interest from organizations or individuals with expertise in the behavioral health field for the purpose of assisting PEIA with an effort to update the agency's mental health and substance abuse benefit to PEIA policyholders and their dependents. The agency is seeking analysis and guidance for the purposes of modernizing its benefit package to more effectively assure that the members are offered:

- (1) an appropriate continuum of behavioral health services in the least restrictive environment;
- (2) access to the provision of evidence based community services including crisis intervention and assertive community treatment;
- (3) periodic reviews of the use of psychotropic medications to assure limitations on off label or inappropriate use and to curtail the overreliance or unnecessary long term use of antipsychotic drugs; and
- (4) preventive services, early intervention and treatment services for those with substance misuse concerns, potentially as part of a medical home model.

Specifically, PEIA would like assistance from interested organizations in its quest to:

- 1) Advise the agency as to options for insurance model coverage as regards mental health and substance abuse in keeping with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
- 2) Propose alternate service design which is more efficacious and cost efficient;
- 3) Provide an analysis of opportunities for curtailing the explosion in the inappropriate use of antipsychotics;
- 4) Provide recommendations for the development of a system redesign which could include:
 - (a) better integration of behavioral health with the medical home model; and/or
 - (b) use of a network of qualified professionals to provide utilization management services in the area of mental health and substance abuse treatment services; and
- 5) Include a plan template for transitioning PEIA's population utilizing behavioral and/or mental health services to the proposed treatment paradigm.

Those organizations, individuals or agencies interested in responding to this RFI should contact Nidia Henderson at Nidia.I.Henderson@wv.gov, preferably by December 7, 2012.