PROVIDERS OF DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES
COORDINATION WITH SINGLE COUNTY AUTHORITY (SCA) OFFICES

As indicated in Provider Alert #9 08-24-10, Community Care is collaborating with the SCAs from the 23 Pennsylvania counties in the NCSO contract and together we have changed the requirements for delivery of substance use disorder services. The 23 counties affected are as follows: Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Columbia, Elk, Forest, Huntingdon, Jefferson, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Warren, and Wayne.

We believe that a closer working relationship between the County SCAs and Community Care will improve the following: communication; quality of care delivered to our members; coordination of care; and resources in the local community that will keep our members within their natural environment.

In order to achieve these goals, the following will be required of all D&A Detoxification and Residential Rehabilitation providers beginning September 1, 2015.

- Providers must request that members sign a release of information form to notify their SCA in the individual’s county of residence where Community Care is the payor or will be the payor once the MA eligibility has been established.
- Providers must request that members sign a release of information form to notify Community Care that coordination with the SCA has occurred.
- Upon admission of our members to your facility, providers are required to notify the county SCA and the Community Care care manager. The SCA and Community Care care manager should be included in any treatment team meetings to assist with exploration of options for members, including discussion to determine whether enhanced services in the community and additional community and natural supports might meet the needs of the individual.

We appreciate your cooperation in this important quality improvement effort. Together, we believe that this will improve the treatment process and enhance coordination of services resulting in better, long-term results for members.

This alert will be discussed further in our D&A provider meeting scheduled for September 16, 2015 from 11am to 12:30pm in our State College office at 2505 Green Tech Dr. State College PA.