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## Fwd: Questions and concerns

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Thank you for making this updated network adequacy plan available for review.

I have questions and concerns and I will plan to attend the MPS meeting planned for Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

My questions are as follows:

1. How will tiered network status (as listed in definitions section .02B. (27) be decided in a way to prevent provider discrimination? How will "quality scores and performance ratings" be decided?

2. In reference to carriers that include certified Nurse practitioners, how will they be able to meet the same credentialing standards as board certified Psychiatrists and other specialists? And how will their "performance and quality" scores be derived?

3. I do not find any reference to non-quantitative barriers to mental health access I.e. (unfair credentialing practices, problems associated with CAQH , 45 page "universal" credentialing forms we are now required to use, confusing copay or cost-share amounts not listed on insurance cards for mental health, unregulated online ratings rating sites, prior authorizations for treatment and medications to name a few.)

4. What is the intended outcome for psychiatrists ?

5. How do we know this plan will have the intended outcome?

6. How will this plan be different from the previous plan for psychiatrists?

7. Is there a plan to allow psychiatrists to bypass insurance and see patients through government grants in the meantime while these new guidelines have not been implemented and will not include ERISA plan patients and other Prather patients such as the uninsured or multiply insured patients who's benefits cannot be coordinated in most outpatient practices?

Thanks in advance for your thoughtful consideration of and responses to these issues.

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