



MEMORANDUM

TO: Provider Community
FROM: James Osborn, MA, UM Unit Director
RE: **Medicaid Transition to Value Options**
DATE: July 19, 2006

Durham County has entered into a stipulation which settles its lawsuit against the State. On August 1, 2006, Durham will no longer continue to authorize Medicaid services as they were doing prior to June 1, 2006. This means that Durham Medicaid consumers will be following all the Value Options authorization processes and transition timelines. Durham will join the rest of the state in their current transition timeline.

These can be found at <http://www.valueoptions.com/provider/contractspecific/ncmedicaid.htm>. If the transition date is in the past, then the transition will be effective on August 1, 2006, e.g., new child authorizations, new adult authorizations, and current child authorizations. If the transition date is in the future, then the transition will be effective on that date. Please reference Slides Day 1 slide numbers 38 – 45 for Transition Timelines, and slide number 27 for Value Option contact information.

You will also need the important information located in Enhanced Service Authorizations #12 Value Options Implementation located at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/announce/index.htm>. Durham chose to use the same authorization process as Value Options, and we hope this will be helpful in your transition to Value Options. We will continue to authorize IPRS/state funded services, and those referenced in the Value Options authorization processes. We look forward to our continued collaboration to improve the quality of life for our consumers.