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Subject: RE: ML EOP Psychiatry Rule Change Proposition

? 3/22/17 changing the rule
what notifying them
no date visible

No we don't tell them about every change. Since they use our numbers I do let them know when we make a major change that has a significant impact. For example, the change we are making regarding 5 day follow ups. We can certainly change the rule back to 30 days if you believe that speaks more to the spirit of "monthly". The problem is and has always been that the Program Guide is not always written clearly – at least not as concretely as needed for computer rules. For example Does monthly mean once per month? Does it mean every 30 days?

Do you want us to change it back?

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Hi,

Thanks. I hope you are doing well.

My rules would be very different. I have no doubt the court experts would not agree with me!!

But thank you for letting us look at this. [REDACTED] is reporting that even the 4th visit or so for an inmate is 45-days after the last visit, even if the patient does not move to another locations. If she is right about that, that does seem to very clearly violate the program guide. So check this out: If a psychiatrist sees somebody 7 weeks after their last appointment (three weeks after the program guide says for once monthly EOP visits), we will report to the court that the person is 6/7 or 86% compliant. Hmmm. That does not pass the sniff test. Three weeks late for mandatory monthly appointments and we are 86% compliant? That seems weird!!

I am more concerned that if we change a rule, and if that rule has a large impact on our numbers and what we report, we probably ought to let the court know. I am now wondering whether they have seen all of the updates that could have made a significant change in the way we report our numbers. Have we done a lot of this? It may be that this change has no real impact on the numbers. If so, then I get it. I just think that should be evaluated.