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- (v) The Department shall work with managed care organizations and school-based clinics to develop collaboration standards, guidelines, and a process to assure that the services provided are covered and medically appropriate and that the process provides for timely notification among the parties.
- (vi) Each managed care organization shall maintain records of all health care services:
 - 1. Provided to its enrollees by school-based clinics; and
 - 2. For which the managed care organization has been billed.
- (20) The Department shall establish standards for the timely delivery of services to enrollees.
- (21) (i) The Department shall establish a delivery system for specialty mental health services for enrollees of managed care organizations.
 - (ii) The Mental Hygiene Administration shall:
 - 1. Design and monitor the delivery system;
- 2. Establish performance standards for providers in the delivery system; and
- 3. Establish procedures to ensure appropriate and timely referrals from managed care organizations to the delivery system that include:
- A. Specification of the diagnoses and conditions eligible for referral to the delivery system;
- B. Training and clinical guidance in appropriate use of the delivery system for managed care organization primary care providers;
- C. Preauthorization by the utilization review agent of the delivery system; and
 - D. Penalties for a pattern of improper referrals.
- (iii) The Department shall collaborate with managed care organizations to develop standards and guidelines for the provision of specialty mental health services.
 - (iv) The delivery system shall:
- 1. Provide all specialty mental health services needed by enrollees;
- 2. For enrollees who are dually-diagnosed, coordinate the provision of substance abuse services provided by the managed care organizations of the enrollees;
- 3. Consist of a network of qualified mental health professionals from all core disciplines;