

THE KANSAS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH Plan (SA-PIHP) was created as a way to ensure the availability of effective substance abuse treatment services throughout the state. As the entity selected by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, ValueOptions® of Kansas is managing the state's substance abuse services.

The program was designed to build on the strengths of the existing Kansas substance abuse delivery system as well as to increase access, quality and appropriateness of the services provided. One of those strengths is the Integrated Data System (IDS), which has been developed and maintained by the Division of Addiction and Prevention Services (AAPS) as the vehicle for registering clients, reviewing and approving treatment services and monitoring the overall operations of the delivery system.

ValueOptions® of Kansas continues to use the IDS so providers can provide demographic and treatment information on the Kansas Client Placement Criteria forms, which are included in the IDS. Leveraging the data system already in use supported a smooth start-up for clients, providers and ValueOptions® of Kansas.

The program also incorporates other existing components of the Kansas delivery system, including:

- Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Centers, which were originally created to review and authorize service requests; they are continuing to provide evaluations and referrals, especially for clients who are being considered for 24-hour levels of care. They also support ValueOptions® of Kansas in providing training across the state;
- Regional Councils, as a part of the quality management and oversight process;
- Collaboration with the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals to recruit and train professionals in accordance with Kansas requirements;
- Collaboration with more than 245 licensed Kansas substance abuse agencies to bring them into network provider status.

AT A GLANCE

Clients: Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Division of Addiction and Prevention Services

Covered Lives: Estimated 240,000 Medicaid beneficiaries and other Kansans who qualify for substance abuse treatment services under federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant funds.

Type of Contracts: ValueOptions® is capitated and at full risk for Medicaid-funded substance abuse treatment and receives an administrative fee for managing services reimbursed through block grant funds.

Employees: Approximately 30, with 24 located at the Kansas Service Center in Topeka

Web site: www.valueoptions.com/kansas/

Location: Majority of staff located in Topeka; utilization management, reporting and customer service also provided through the NorthSTAR program in Dallas; claims paid in Norfolk, Several Kansas staff are field-based across the state.

Date Started: July 1, 2007

Goals of the new program envisioned by ValueOptions[®] of Kansas and AAPS include:

- Streamlining the review and approval process while assuring consistent application of clinical criteria across the state and across funding streams;
- Expanding the quality management program to incorporate providers and stakeholders as well as ValueOptions[®] of Kansas and AAPS staff;
- Expanding the use of data to drive decision-making and system expansion;
- Ensuring the appropriate use of all treatment resources, especially residential treatment programs, to limit and eventually eliminate waiting lists for treatment;
- Profiling providers to ensure that services are clinically appropriate and effective;
- Supporting the stability of providers through ongoing training and rapid claims turnaround times; and
- Providing on-the-ground clinical and administrative consultation for providers through regional staff located across the state.

ValueOptions[®] of Kansas is investing the time, energy and resources necessary to becoming an integral part of the Kansas substance abuse treatment delivery system. In partnership with AAPS , the provider and client communities of Kansas, ValueOptions[®] of Kansas is dedicated to ensuring that all Kansans have access to appropriate and effective treatment for substance abuse addictions.

