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Dr. Nicholas Scotto, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Scotto:

Thank you for facilitating a clinically focused site visit at your facility on February 1, 2011 by representatives of the Mental Hygiene Administration's Office of Compliance. The purpose of this site visit was to review Dual Diagnosis cases that had been authorized by Value Options (VO) and to assess the extent to which the medical record documentation along with the patient's clinical presentation, support the decision that care should be authorized, based on Maryland Medical Necessity criteria.

Our findings were as follows: In the cases reviewed, the documentation regarding clients' diagnosis, symptoms and severity of impairment was consistent with the data reported to Value Options for the purpose of making Medical Necessity determinations. Thus, the medical necessity determinations to authorize care at Baltimore Behavioral Health were supported by the clinical data and information.

Sincerely,

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Medical Director
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