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To: Aged and Disabled Waiver Providers

From: Susan Given, Program Manager

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Re: Medical Necessity Evaluation Requests (MNER's)

It has come to our attention that providers have experienced rejected MNER's submitted to WVMI through CareCannection©. APS/WVMI was comparing the system-submitted MNER to the attached/signed MNER and rejected any that didn't match. After discussion with APS/WVMI and BoSS, this issue has been resolved.

Please be advised APS/WVMI will no longer compare the previous MNER to the current MNER. You are to continue following the current instructions for completion of the MNER and it is <u>your</u> responsibility to ensure all information is correct and up to date prior to uploading the MNER into CareConnection.

It is important to remember diagnoses reported on the system-submitted MNER will be carried over to the PAS, and must be accurate and physician-approved. Meaning, the information you submit on the MNER screen will carry forward year-to-year, so it is imperative you submit correct and current information each year.

You must ensure the following:

- System-submitted MNERs are complete and contains all information applicable to the member's current state.
- The diagnoses reported on the MNER are confirmed by the provider/PPL-member as physician-approved on either previous MNERs or on a previous PAS.

If you have any questions regarding this notice contact the Bureau for Senior Services at Linda Wright, Acting Director at linda.k.wright@wv.gov or 304-558-3317.