GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Individual Financial Protections

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 The requirements herein apply only to the GCBH BH-ASO Central Office and its functions. 				
\underline{X} The requirements herein apply, verbatim, to GCBH BH-ASO and its network providers ² .				
 The requirements herein apply to both GCBH BH-ASO and its network providers². Additionally, network providers must have internal documents outlining their processes for implementing the requirements, insofar as they relate to actions for which network providers are responsible. 				

PURPOSE: To establish processes for coordination of care of individuals and payment in the event a community hospital and/or a service provider becomes insolvent.

DEFINITIONS:

- I. <u>Behavioral Health Services:</u> Mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment services provided by a Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) licensed by the State of Washington to provide these services.
- II. <u>Individual:</u> A Medicaid recipient who is currently enrolled with GCBH BH-ASO. For a child under the age of thirteen, or for a child thirteen or older whose parents or legal guardians are involved in the treatment plan, the definition of individual includes parents or legal guardians.

POLICY

- A. GCBH BH-ASO and its network Providers coordinate care, including treatment and discharge planning and/or transfer to another service Provider in the event a community psychiatric hospital, Mental Health Care Provider, Substance Use Disorder Care Provider, Community Mental Health Agency, or Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program becomes insolvent.
- B. GCBH BH-ASO contracted Providers are directly responsible for coordination of care to assure continuity and appropriate placement alternatives for GCBH BH-ASO individuals receiving services at the time insolvency occurs.
- C. Individuals are not held liable for (1) covered mental health services provided by insolvent community psychiatric hospitals with which GCBH BH-ASO has subcontracted; (2) covered behavioral health services, including those purchased on behalf of the individual; (3) covered behavioral health services for which the State does not pay GCBH BH-ASO; (4) covered services for which the State or GCBH BH-ASO does not pay the health care provider or agency that furnishes the services under a contractual, referral, or other arrangement; (5) payments for covered services furnished under a Contract, referral, or other arrangement, to the extent that those payments are in excess of the amount that the individual would owe if GCBH BH-ASO provided the services directly; or (6) covered behavioral health services provided by insolvent federally funded PIHPs. GCBH BH-ASO assures that Providers with which it contracts for services comply with the financial protections afforded individuals, as established by the Washington State Health Care

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Authority (HCA). GCBH BH-ASO and its network Providers shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws that pertain to Enrollee Rights and Protections.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Information regarding financial liability is provided to individuals via the HCA Benefits Booklet.
- 2. When a Provider of services becomes insolvent, affected individuals are notified by GCBH BH-ASO of this policy.
- 3. GCBH BH-ASO monitors to assure that individuals are not held liable for payment as part of its Administrative and Financial audits.

APPROVAL

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