

POLICY MANUAL

**State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services**

**POLICY 2008(ADM ST BD)86-27 Community Care Networks and Other Managed
Care Arrangements**

Authority	Board Minutes Dated <u>October 22, 1986</u> Effective Date <u>November 19, 1986</u> Approved by Board Chairman <u>s/James C. Windsor</u>
References	§ 37.1-10 and Chapters 34 and 43, Title 38.2, <i>Code of Virginia</i> (1950), as amended.
Background	<p>Mentally ill and substance abusing individuals of the Commonwealth are in need of appropriate services. When outpatient and inpatient mental health and substance abuse services become financially available to citizens through community programs, i.e. HMOs, community care networks, preferred provider organizations, and other management care arrangements, they seek early intervention and treatment. This early treatment assures families of a less costly more effective treatment in a home environment.</p> <p>Recent changes to the Virginia Insurance Code allow individuals to convert inpatient benefits to outpatient, residential, and partial hospitalization treatment.</p>
Purpose	To assist in assuring that mentally ill, and substance abusing citizens in need of care and treatment for these disorders are provided access to and availability of appropriate basic physical and mental health care services provided by Health Maintenance Organizations, community care networks, PPOs, and other managed care arrangements.

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Policy

It is the policy of the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, as the mental health and substance abuse authority of the Commonwealth, that the inclusion of adequate quality coverage for mental health and substance abuse services among those basic health care services being provided by community care networks and other managed care arrangements in this Commonwealth should be considered imperative and mandatory for the basic health of our citizens.

**Monitoring of
This Policy**

The Commissioner shall assign a staff coordinator who will develop a plan for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.
