

The Prescriber Post

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Welcome to The Prescriber Post.

VBH-PA is publishing this newsletter in an effort to effectively communicate with all individuals that conduct evaluations of children and adolescents that result in a prescription for behavioral health services. We hope through this newsletter to keep you informed regarding best practices, policies, bulletins, trainings, meetings and other timely information. This issue's topics include upcoming meetings and reminders of current VBH-PA policies. If you are a BHRS or other facility-based provider, please ensure that your evaluators/prescribers receive this publication.

!! Attention Independent Prescribers and Evaluators !!

The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has issued a Bulletin with an effective date of August 1, 2010 regarding the following:

- ◆ **Bulletin Description:** This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the MA Program to render Behavioral Health Rehabilitation (BHR) services to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients under 21 years of age in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that the Department of Public Welfare is revising the standard frequency of comprehensive evaluations to determine the need for BHR services, as well as, the maximum length of the authorization period that may be requested for such services, for MA recipients under 21 years of age, except for children and adolescents with behavioral health needs compounded by developmental disorders such as autistic disorder or other pervasive developmental disorder.
- ◆ Please be sure to educate yourself on community and natural supports to offer greater latitude when making recommendations for services and supports.
- ◆ Please remember to complete the Independent Prescriber Registration forms for the specific IP County or to ensure that your name, your address, member's name, member's MA number and number of requested units are on your Evaluation Fax Cover Page.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATES:**
Quarterly BHRS Provider Summit: **10/07/10** 9:00 am - Noon, Hampton Inn & Suites, Grove City, 4 Holiday Blvd., Mercer, PA 16137

Quarterly BHRS Provider Summit: **10/13/10** 9:00 am - Noon, Four Points Sheraton 100 Sheraton Drive Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA 15601

And did you know???

The "pound" (#) key on your keyboard is called an octothorpe.