

# The Prescriber Post

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## Welcome to the first issue of The Prescriber Post.

VBH-PA is publishing this quarterly newsletter in an effort to effectively communicate with all individuals who 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.

- **When conducting evaluations, please be sure to discuss the diagnosis and recommendations with the family during their visit.**
- **Please be sure to individualize each evaluation with the needs of the child and the family.**
- **Submitting evaluations identical to previously done evaluations, with only the date changed, is unacceptable.**
- **Please be sure to educate yourself on ancillary services that are available in the county. If you need assistance, call the VBH toll-free provider line at 1-877-615-8503 and ask to speak to the Provider Field Coordinator for the county in which the child resides.**
- **Submit your completed evaluation within 7 business days of seeing the member.**
- **Include the following information on the fax cover sheet when submitting your evaluation: member name, member ID#, date of birth, date of service, service provided, service code & number of units requested, and the exact name of individual or provider under which the authorization should be entered.**
- **Physicians and licensed psychologists who conduct evaluations for children and adolescents with behavioral health needs compounded by developmental disorders, such as autistic disorder and other pervasive developmental disorders should know about the availability of an FBA when prescribing BHR Services. Please reference OMHSAS Bulletin (OMHSAS-09-01) issued on January 9, 2009.**
- **Quarterly BHRS Provider Summit: 9/9/09 9am – noon, Four Points Sheraton 100 Sheraton Drive Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA 15601.**
- **Quarterly BHRS Provider Summit: 9/18/09 9am– noon, Hampton Inn & Suites, Grove City, 4 Holiday Blvd. Mercer, PA 16137.**

**And did you know???**

**A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.**