

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.

- ◆ **Please be sure to educate and familiarize yourself on the Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) and ACT 62 from the information on the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Web site: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/Autism/>**
- ◆ **Butler County, in partnership with VBH-PA, has developed an innovative model for the provision of comprehensive evaluations for children and adolescents. This model is called the "Independent Prescriber". "Independent Prescribers" are Licensed Psychologists, Psychiatrists, or Developmental Pediatricians, credentialed by VBH-PA for the purpose of providing Comprehensive Child/Adolescent Strength Based Evaluations-LD (CCASBE-LD) for children and adolescents referred for behavioral health services. The Independent Prescriber is responsible for prescribing or making recommendations for an appropriate level of in-plan treatment services and, within the scope of the provider's practice, supervising, coordination and maintaining continuity of care and referring Members to specialist care as necessary. Under the Independent Prescriber model, approved prescribers can not be affiliated with a provider or entity providing Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) or Family Based Mental Health Services.**
- ◆ **A reminder that the complete and comprehensive templates for the Comprehensive Child and Adolescence Strength Based Evaluation (CCASBE-LD) are located on our Web site: www.vbh-pa.com in the "Provider Information" section.**
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - 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: 9/11/09 9am– Noon, Hampton Inn & Suites, Grove City, 4 Holiday Blvd. Mercer, PA 16137.**

And did you know???

"jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

