



ValueAdded

This is the 124th issue of our VBH-PA information update. These updates will be faxed or emailed to all network providers monthly. Please feel free to share our newsletter with others, and be sure your appropriate clinical and financial staffs receive copies.

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An information update from Value Behavioral Health of PA, Inc.

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Prior Authorization Changes for Suboxone

The Department of Public Welfare Office of Medical Assistance Programs proposed prior authorization requirements and medical necessity guidelines for Suboxone/Subutex. Effective July 1, 2009 prior authorizations are required and the recipient must have a diagnosis of opioid dependence. The table below describes **formulary changes**.

Class of Drugs ▪ Drug(s)	Narcotics, Agonist-Antagonist Analgesics ▪ Suboxone/Subutex (buprenorphine)
Quantity Limits	Proposed: 2mg or 2mg/0.5mg = 6 tablets per day 8mg or 8mg/2mg = 4 tablets per day
Emergency Supply	A pharmacist is permitted to dispense an emergency supply of the medication without prior authorization if, in the professional judgment of the pharmacist, the recipient has an immediate need for the medication. In these situations, the pharmacist may dispense a five (5) day supply without prior authorization unless the pharmacist determines that taking the medication either alone or along with other medication that the recipient may be taking, would jeopardize the health and safety of the recipient.
Thresholds For Prior Authorization	All prescriptions and refills for Suboxone/Subutex after the date of service of the initial prescription <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Automated prior authorization does not apply ▪ Exemptions from prior authorization- none
Guidelines for Medical Necessity	Recipient has a diagnosis of opioid dependence

If you have any questions, please contact one of the physical health MCO's (Gateway, UPMC for You or Unison).

NPI: Ready, Set, Go!!!!

ValueOptions requires your NPI Number and Tax ID for claims and other transactions. ValueOptions will no longer accept your electronic claims files with legacy numbers. Please make sure the ValueOptions' provider identification and vendor numbers are **NOT** on claims beginning in August 2009. Files received with this information will be **rejected** and will not be allowed to upload to the claim payment system. The files will need to be resubmitted with this required information. This requirement will not be based on dates of service, but date of the receipt of the claim.

Past issues of ValueAdded can be accessed at: [VBH-PA - Provider Information Center](#)

Value Behavioral Health of PA proudly announces a MISA Assessment Training Opportunity for our Providers



REGISTER NOW!

Free Training



***MISA Assessment
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CO-OCCURRING NEEDS***

The same full-day training will be available to VBH-PA providers at four locations and dates:

Friday, September 11, 2009

MONROEVILLE

Greenbriar Treatment Center • Penn Center East Building 4 • 400 Penn Center Blvd • Suite 707 • Pittsburgh, PA 15235 • Phone (412) 829-2103

Thursday, September 24, 2009

BLAIRSVILLE

Chestnut Ridge Conference Center • 132 Pine Ridge Rd • Blairsville, PA 15717 • Phone (724) 459-7191

Thursday, October 1, 2009

MEADVILLE

Bainbridge Technology Center • 18316 Technology Drive • Meadville PA 16335 • Phone (814) 373-2630

Friday, October 2, 2009

WEXFORD

Greenbriar Treatment Center • 6200 Brooktree Road • Suite 210 • Wexford, PA 15090 • Phone (724) 934-8435

Presenter: Kenneth Montrose, Director of Training & Publications, Greenbriar Treatment Center

Click here for more information about the training and how to register:

http://www.vbh-pa.com/spotlight/MISA_Training_Brochure.pdf

Click here for directions to the training facilities:

http://www.vbh-pa.com/spotlight/MISA_Training_Driving_Directions.pdf



Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania's 3rd Annual "Practical Possibilities for Impossible Problems: A Forum for Families with Children in HealthChoices"

Thursday, October 1, 2009

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast provided.)

Westmoreland County Community College
Science Hall Theater

145 Pavilion Lane • Youngwood, PA 15697

For directions visit: www.wccc.edu

EXHIBITORS

If you would like to exhibit at this year's Family Forum, click [here](#) for the Exhibit Form.

NOMINATE A PARENT OR CAREGIVER

We need your help in nominating a parent or caregiver for the all-new Exceptional Parent/Caregiver Awards. Click [here](#) for the Nomination Form.

The VBH-PA Family Forum is free to Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania family members and providers. There is limited seating available, so register early to reserve your space at the VBH-PA Family Forum. Lunch will be provided at no extra cost. Childcare is not provided; adults only please.

You're not going to want to miss the "Value"able information at this 3rd Annual Family Forum, featuring keynote speaker **Denny Barger, Starfish Program Founder**, presenting, "**Parenting in the New Millennium From and To the Heart,**" plus many vendors, breakout sessions and the first ever Exceptional Parent/Caregiver Awards Ceremony.

~ REGISTRATION FORM ~

Please send your Registration Form by September 15, 2009.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Company/Provider Name _____
(if applicable)

Address _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip code: _____

Please check one: Parent and/or Caregiver _____ Provider _____

Mail this registration form to: Kim Tzoulis
VBH-PA
520 Pleasant Valley Road
Trafford, PA 15085

Or fax registration form to: 724.744.6363

Or email registration form to: Kimberly.Tzoulis@valueoptions.com

Save the Date!

REGISTRANTS AND EXHIBITORS

If you would like to attend and/or exhibit at this year's NW3 Family and Adult Members Forum, click [here](#) for the Registration Form.

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We need your help in nominating a parent or individual for the Exceptional Parent/Individual Awards. Click [here](#) for the Nomination Form.



VALUE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S 2nd ANNUAL HEALTHCHOICES NW3 Crawford-Mercer-Venango FAMILY AND ADULT MEMBERS

“ACKNOWLEDGING THE JOURNEY” BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FORUM

Featuring:

EXCEPTIONAL PARENT AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

**Confirmed Speakers: Dr. John McGonigle – ASERT Western
Regional Center**

Herm Rushing – Drug & Alcohol Recovery

Denny Barger – “A Matter of the Heart”

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Radisson Hotel

Rt. 18 and I-80

West Middlesex, PA

FREE to all Attendees

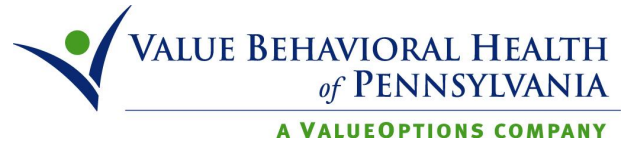
For more information please call
724-962-8032 or 1-866-404-4561

Value Behavioral Health of PA (VBH-PA) is Going Green! Provider Summary Vouchers (PSVs) Will No Longer Be Mailed Out



VBH-PA is going **Green!** Effective August 1, 2009, VBH-PA will no longer mail out Provider Summary Vouchers (PSVs). A special thank-you goes out to those who have already signed up for electronic funds payment at PaySpan Health. For those that have not, visit www.payspanhealth.com and/or ProviderConnect through www.valueoptions.com to receive electronic notices and payments.

VBH-PA has revised its address change form to include a cover sheet. The two-page form is reprinted below and can also be downloaded from the VBH-PA website at <http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/forms.htm>.



PROVIDER REQUEST FOR ADDRESS CHANGE/UPDATE

To ensure timely processing of your address update, please answer the following questions. In addition, please complete the attached Address Update form.

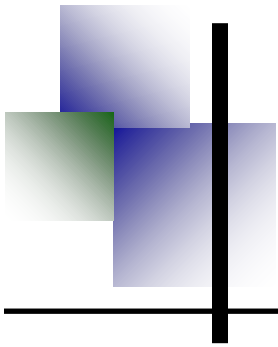
1. What services will be offered at this proposed new address/location? _____

2. Are you currently contracted with VBH-PA to provide the services listed above, for the county in which your proposed new address will be located? Yes / No
3. Is the proposed new address/location geographically in the same county as the provider address/location that is being changed? Yes / No
4. Is the proposed new address/location within five (5) miles from the current location? Yes / No
5. Is the proposed new address/location expected to receive referrals from the same sources? Yes / No
6. Will the proposed new address/location serve essentially the same population as the current location? Yes / No

Please note that approval to add a new address/location for services is dependent upon the status of the provider network for the applicable county(s).

If you have any questions on how to complete the address update form, please contact your Provider Field Coordinator through our Service Center Toll-Free Provider Line at 877-615-8503.

<p><i>For Internal Use Only:</i> Approved/Not Approved: By:</p>
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VALUE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
of PENNSYLVANIA

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**Please join Value Behavioral Health of PA (VBH-PA) and
Family Based Mental Health Providers for a Presentation
on Family Based Mental Health Services.**

Presenters include:

**Achievement Center, Family Behavioral Resources, Inc., Family Services
of NWPA and Family Service/Children's Aid Society**

Thursday, August 20, 2009

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Registration starts at 5:00 p.m.)

Light refreshments will be served.

Days Inn Conference Center

18360 Conneaut Lake Road

Meadville, PA 16335

(814) 337-4264

(Please do not call this number to RSVP)

**** There is no charge for this meeting. ****

Meeting intended for those serving HealthChoices members in Crawford and
Venango Counties.

Registration is requested:

Please call **1-877-615-8503** and ask for **Kim Tzoulis** at extension **346377** or Email:
kimberly.tzoulis@valueoptions.com

Seating is limited, so please RSVP.

For more information about Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, please visit our website at
www.vbh-pa.com.