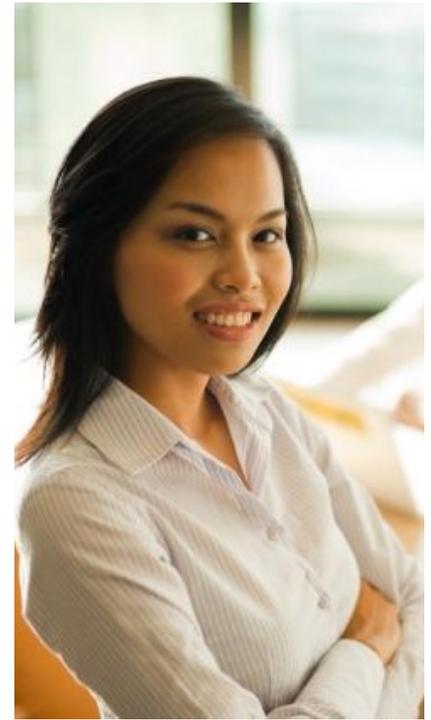


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This is the 177th issue of our VBH-PA information update. These updates will be emailed to all network providers monthly. Please feel free to share our newsletter with others, and be sure your appropriate clinical and financial staffs receive copies.



ICD-10 Claims Process Rules

As you may know from reading our November 2013 *ValueAdded* newsletter, ValueOptions® (VO) will modify systems and processes to be compliant with the ICD-10 mandate effective October 1, 2014.

A key component of these modifications concerns the effective dates for claims submissions and other activities that utilize ICD-10 and ICD-9 codes. The ICD-10 team has developed two rules to ensure the clarity of treatment for these codes; those rules are:

- Any activities or claims for dates of services performed **prior to 10/1/2014** will need to use ICD-9 codes regardless of when the claim is actually submitted.
- Any activities or claims for dates of service performed **after 10/1/2014** will need to use ICD-10 codes.

Any claims submitted that do not follow these business rules **will be denied**.

VO will be holding ICD-10 webinars May 14, 2014, September 18, 2014, and September 23, 2014. Notice will be given to all our VBH-PA providers through an email blast and our *ValueAdded* provider newsletter announcing when registration becomes available.

The current VO Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is on the homepage of the VBH-PA website, “In the Spotlight” section. The direct link to the FAQ is below.

http://www.valueoptions.com/providers/Files/pdfs/ICD-10_FAQ.pdf

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“Giving Back to the Provider” Webinar Series

Network providers may attend ValueOptions® quarterly “Giving Value Back to the Provider” webinars in March to learn about the phase one migration to DSM-5 and other important updates concerning ValueOptions. Two dates and times are offered for your convenience. Please [click here](#) for this quarter’s dates and registration links.

Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing

The following article was printed in the July and September 2009 issues of *ValueAdded*. We are reprinting it here as a reminder to our provider network

VBH-PA policy states that psychological testing is approved only for licensed psychologists for whom testing falls within the scope of their clinical license and who have specialized training in psychological and/or neuropsychological testing. Neuropsychological testing is certified only to a fully-licensed psychologist with appropriate training expertise in this area. All tasks involving projective testing must be performed by a licensed psychologist.

The medical necessity criteria for outpatient psychological and neurological testing for both adults and adolescents/child are located on the VBH-PA website under the Provider Section: <http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/medNecCrit.htm>.

Adult

4.300 Outpatient Treatment

4.302 Psychological Testing

Adolescent/Child

6.400 Outpatient Treatment

6.403 Psychological Testing

The Psychological Evaluation Request (PER) form for pre-authorization of neuropsychological or psychological testing, as well as a list of psychological tests, is available online at: http://vbh-pa.com/provider/prv_forms.htm, under Clinical/Utilization Management Forms.

It is important for psychologists to include clinical information on the PER form to assist in the determination if the candidate meets medical necessity criteria. Peer reviews are provided by licensed clinical psychologists for psychological testing.



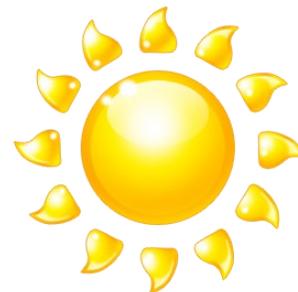
VBH-PA Announces New CEO

Mark G. Fuller, MD, has been selected as the Chief Executive Officer of Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (VBH-PA) effective February 10, 2014. Dr. Fuller joined VBH-PA seven years ago as Medical Director and has been an integral part of our longevity and success in Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Dr. Fuller on his new position.

Welcome!

Jason Hinkle started on February 24th as a Complex Care Manager in our Beaver office.

Summer Therapeutic Activities Programs (STAP)



Please consider summer plans when completing evaluations for children.

Evaluations for Summer Therapeutic Activities Program (STAP) must be comprehensive and include all of the information required in the Comprehensive Child/Adolescent Strengths Based Evaluation-Life Domains (CCASBE-LD). Abbreviated evaluations will not be sufficient to determine medical necessity for STAP.

If a child is currently receiving BHRS and has a current evaluation that recommends STAP, there may be no need for either an additional ISPT or a new evaluation specifically recommending STAP.

STAP providers will maintain a staff ratio that will manage children with **no additional TSS**. It will, therefore, be a rare occurrence that a TSS will be authorized for attendance at STAP.

****For all STAP providers, please remember to inquire with your respective counties to obtain a letter of support. ****

****Please remember if you made any changes to your service description you will need to submit the changes for approval to OMHSAS.****

Providers who are considering providing a Summer Therapeutic Activities Program in 2014 are required to submit a ***VBH-PA application*** for STAP. Applications are located on our website at http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/info/pr/STAP_Application.pdf.

STAP Packets for Authorization

For All VBH-PA Members: Mail **complete packets** (*evaluation, evaluation cover sheet, ISPT sign-in sheet, treatment plan, plan of care, and family choice form*) for STAP authorizations to:

VBH-PA
520 Pleasant Valley Road
Trafford, PA 15085
Attention: Christina Bowman

If you have any questions about STAP, please email or call:
Kimberly.Kerr@valueoptions.com or 724-744-6554.

Applications, county letters of support, and service descriptions for STAP are due to VBH-PA by March 14, 2014, attention Kimberly Kerr, VBH-PA, 520 Pleasant Valley Road, Trafford, PA 15085. These documents are required every year.



Recovery is a Process

By Lisa Kugler, Psy.D., Vice President of Clinical Services, Value Behavioral Health of PA, Inc.

What are recovery principles and how do we incorporate them into our everyday operations? According to SAMSHA, recovery principles are guided by multiple pathways through hope, culture, addressing trauma, and promoting strengths. Recovery is person-driven, holistic, and respectful of individuals.

How do each of us exemplify these recovery principles and carry them to our members? We at Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania believe that this is a journey, not a destination, for those in the healthcare profession. We can practice one small thing each day that will assist us in embodying the recovery principles in our everyday interactions. Perhaps today it is changing our language toward an individual, reducing the blaming and shaming. For today, it may be practicing seeing the *person* instead of the “addict,” “schizophrenic,” or “borderline.” Perhaps today we decide to share a kind word with someone and tell them that we believe in them, even if they are struggling with believing in themselves. Today, let us choose to assist a person in reaching their goal for themselves, instead of our goal for them.

Veterans Resources Added to Our Website

VBH-PA is proud to support those who have answered the call to serve. We recently added a Veterans Resources section on our website at http://www.vbh-pa.com/member/mbr_resources.htm#veterans. Stay connected and informed by searching various supports available to veterans such as health and well-being resources, success stories, vocational rehabilitation and employment, military benefits, and more.



ICD-10 Resources

Department of Public Welfare (DPW) Information on ICD-10

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) has posted information on their website regarding the transition to ICD-10. That information can be found on the following link:

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/P_012571

ICD-10 Readiness Survey Results Posted

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's (DPW) Office of Medical Assistance recently conducted an ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey. This was the first of surveys to be conducted on a quarterly basis. The survey was hosted for six weeks, open to all Pennsylvania Medicaid providers and completely voluntary.

Out of 78,411 Pennsylvania Medicaid providers, 47 responded to the survey. The results indicate that approximately 50 percent of the respondents do not have dedicated ICD-10 implementation resources nor has ICD-10 planning begun.

The Deadline for the Transition to ICD-10 is October 1, 2014

On August 27, 2012, Health and Human Services announced the release of the rule finalizing a one-year proposed delay for the industry's transition to ICD-10 codes. The date has been delayed from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. The ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2014 was filed on August 24, 2012 within the Administrative Simplification: Adoption of a Standard for a Unique Health Plan Identifier; Addition to the National Provider Identifier Requirements; and a Change to the Compliance Date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) Medical Code Data Sets, Final Rule. The Final Rule can be viewed in the [Federal Register](#) published on September 5, 2012.

The Department of Public Welfare acknowledges the new ICD-10 compliance date and has adjusted our schedule to align with the October 1, 2014 implementation date.

A Special Note to VBH-PA Credentialed Psychologists and Master's Level Therapists Who Treat Dually Diagnosed Consumers

VBH-PA appreciates the expertise you bring to our consumers who have a co-occurring diagnosis. It is, however, your licensure as a Psychologist, LSW, LCSW, LPC, or LMFT that allows us as a managed care organization in the state of Pennsylvania to reimburse you for services. We are unable to reimburse you for services delivered to individuals who only have a substance use disorder. Should a VBH-PA consumer who does not have a primary mental health diagnosis request your services for a substance use disorder, please direct them to their toll-free [member line](#) for assistance. We will provide them with referrals to one or several providers who are licensed to provide drug and alcohol services per Subchapter A. General Provisions of the DOH 28 PA Code which provides the regulatory requirement for licensure as written below:

Section 709.2. Policy

a) Persons, partnerships and corporations, or legal entities intending to provide drug and alcohol treatment services shall be licensed by the Department.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Look for this column in our monthly newsletter for information recently posted to www.vbh-pa.com.

[Functional Behavioral Assessment Audit Tool](#)

[VBH-PA Compliance Department Contact Information](#)

Requests for Proposals:

[Cambria County-Substance Abuse Certified Recovery Specialist \(CRS\) Services](#)

[Westmoreland County-Funds for Developing a Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Providing Non-Hospital Based Detoxification and Rehabilitation Services](#)

Provider Alerts:

[Service Authorization Requirements](#)

[Payment for Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Outpatient Drug & Alcohol Clinics](#)

National Council for Behavioral Health

Webinar: [Transitioning to ICD-10 and Why Its Important to Providers](#)

Policy Clarification:

[Payment for Diagnostic Lab Services in Outpatient D&A](#)

Register Now!

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania

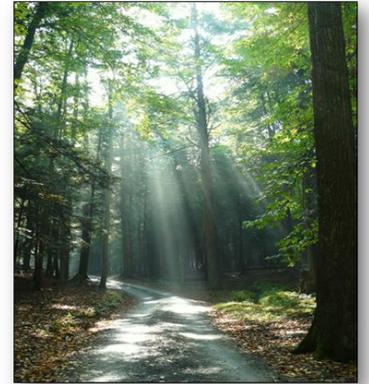
Presents the

14th Annual Consumer Recovery Forum

Realizing Recovery—In All Aspects

Friday, April 4, 2014

Pittsburgh Marriott North
Cranberry Township



Visit our homepage at www.vbh-pa.com for the Registration Brochure. Registration deadline is March 21, 2014. Join us for educational workshops, exhibitors, an inspirational keynote address, and the consumer recovery awards ceremony. There is no charge to attend the forum. We look forward to seeing you there!

Providers Please Note:

VBH-PA service authorization requirements for all VBH-PA HealthChoices covered services may be found on the Covered Services Grid <http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/info/pr/PrvCovSvcGrid.pdf> and/or the Authorization Requirements Grid in the Utilization Management section of the Provider Manual <http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/info/pr/manual/files/Authorization-Requirements.pdf>. Also, please be reminded that the VBH-PA Provider Manual, including all amendments and supplements, is by reference incorporated in its entirety in the Provider Agreement.



***Please Note:** These videoconferences are NOT webinars. **You must be in attendance at the Trafford Service Center to view these videoconferences.**

VBH-PA is one of many sites offering this opportunity. Please click [here](#) to view all locations offering this videoconference series. To register with another location, please contact the coordinator for that site.

Winter 2014 WPIC Videoconferences

VBH-PA is pleased to announce that our service center will once again be a videoconferencing site for the WPIC Office of Education and Regional Programming videoconference series. These programs are free of charge and there are NO fees for continuing education credits.

The videoconferences are held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Walnut Room at VBH-PA's Trafford Service Center. You are invited and welcome to attend.* For CEU information, registration information, and complete descriptions of these trainings, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Videoconferences:

New for 2014—DSM-5 Videoconferences!

- **March 12**—Feeding and Eating Disorders in DSM-5
- **March 26**—DSM-5: The Diagnosis of Dementia to Meet Real World Needs and Sleep/Wake Disorders

Registration:

To register for these trainings, please visit the ValueOptions [Provider Trainings Web page](#). Select **Pennsylvania** from the state dropdown list (DO NOT change any of the other fields) and then click on **Select**. Scroll down the screen and put a check mark in the box next to the event(s) and then hit **Register**. Phone-in registrations will not be accepted.

Suggestions or ideas for articles that you would like to see published in *ValueAdded* can be faxed to Kim Tzoulis, *ValueAdded* Editor, at (724) 744-6363 or emailed to kimberly.tzoulis@valueoptions.com

Articles of general importance to the provider network will be considered for publication.

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