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

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OPR Service Class Change Reminder

Since August 1, 2011, Outpatient Substance Abuse service codes have their own service class "OPR". The service codes listed below comprise the OPR service class.

Service Class	Description	Service Code	Modifier
OPR (new)	DA Individual Psychotherapy	90804	HF
	DA Individual Psychotherapy	90806	HF
	DA Individual Psychotherapy	90808	HF
	DA Group Psychotherapy	90853	HF
	DA Family Psychotherapy	90847	HF
	Evaluation Drug & Alcohol Intervention Services	H0022	U5
	Drug & Alcohol Intervention Services	H0022	U4
	Nurse Coordination with PCP	H0047	U4
	DA OP in an Alternative Setting - Individual	H0047	HA
	DA OP in an Alternative Setting - Group	H0047	U5

If you are a Substance Abuse Provider requesting Outpatient SA services via ProviderConnect using the Auto Authorization process, please follow these steps and select "OPR" as the service class as shown in the third screen shot below:

- Level of Service--Select **"Outpatient"**
- Type of Service--Select **"Substance Abuse"**
- Type of Care--No action required, keep at default **"Select"**

Requested Services Header

All fields marked with an asterisk () are required.*
Note: Disable pop-up blocker functionality to view all appropriate links.

*Requested Start Date (MMDDYYYY)

*Level of Service

*Type of Service

Type of Care

- Place of Service--select **"Office"** which equates to POS = 11
- Service Class--select **"Substance Abuse Outpatient Services - OPR"**
- Number of Visits/Units cannot exceed 72
- Submit

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Requested Services	
*Place of Service	
OFFICE	▼

*Service Class	*Visits/ Units
SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTPATIENT SERVICES -OPR	70

If requesting both “**Examinations – EXM**” and “**Substance Abuse Outpatient Services – OPR**” you have to request both as shown below:

*Service Class	*Visits/ Units
SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTPATIENT SERVICES -OPR	70
EXAMINATIONS -EXM	2

Reminder to Use the Updated Form and Fax for Psychological Testing Requests

The Psychological Evaluation Request (PER) form for pre-authorization of neuropsychological or psychological testing has been updated and is available online. This form can be found at www.vbh-pa.com. Once you have entered the VBH-PA website, click on the following tabs:

- 1.) For Providers
- 2.) On the left-hand side of the page click on Provider Forms
- 3.) Under Clinical/Utilization Management Forms, find **PER Form tab** and click

Please notice that the fax number for submission of your PER form has changed. The new fax number is **855-439-2445**.

Testing requests submitted on the old form are no longer being accepted (effective September 1, 2011) and will be returned to you. The updated form must be used to request authorization.

If you have any questions, please call VBH-PA's provider toll-free number at **877-615-8503**.

Fall 2011 WPIC VideoConference Series

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** to participants 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 welcome to attend!

Upcoming Fall 2011 Videoconferences:

October 12

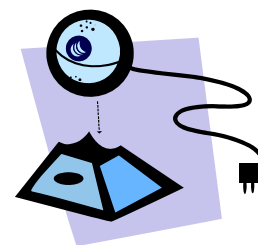
Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Adolescents – Engagement in Treatment

November 9

Twitter While You Work: The Legal Impact of Social Media, Networking and Cloud Computing in the Workplace

December 14

High Suicidal Risk Assessment and Management Across the Lifespan



For CEU information and complete descriptions of these trainings, please click on this link:

http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/training/Video_Conference_Fall_2011.pdf

Registration:

To register for one or all of these trainings, please visit the ValueOptions Provider Trainings Web page at: <https://www.valueoptions.com/forumRegistration>. 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.

Other Sites:

VBH-PA is one of many sites offering this opportunity. Please visit <http://www.wpic.pitt.edu/oerp/video/ParticipatingSites.pdf> to view all locations offering this videoconference series. To register with another location, please contact the coordinator for that site.

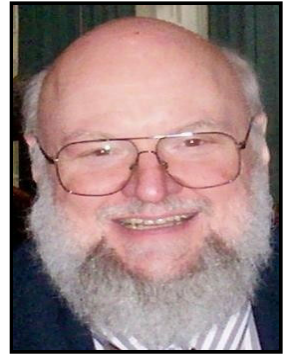
WPIC Information:

For more information about these videoconferences, or for upcoming WPIC/OERP programs, visit the OERP website at <http://www.wpic.pitt.edu/oerp>.

If you are interested in having your agency become a site for the series or for more information, please contact Joanne Slappo, Ph.D., Program Coordinator, at 412-802-6918 or slappojm@upmc.edu.

Heroes of Recovery

An advocate for user-designed mental health programs whose personal experiences and frustrations with the mental health care system helped propel the field's "consumer" movement, Joseph Rogers has provided impassioned, visionary leadership in transforming mental health care in this country.



Diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia at age 19 and told that he was incapable of holding a job, Mr. Rogers descended into a life of homelessness and desolation until he eventually found treatment and a place to stay at a YMCA in New Jersey. After fate led him to a job as an outreach worker at a mental health center, he moved to Philadelphia where he began work in 1984 at the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania (MHASP), then a small non-profit agency with a dozen staff members. Over the last 20 years, he has transformed MHASP into a \$14-million organization with 300 staff, the majority of whom are consumers. He is now president and CEO.

Mr. Rogers soon began exhorting a new philosophy for mental health care, one based on the principle that individuals who have shared similar experiences can help themselves and each other. In 1984, under MHASP's auspices, he founded the Self-Help and Advocacy Resource Exchange (Project SHARE), which has become the umbrella organization for programs that provide such essential services as peer support, drop-in centers, housing, homeless outreach, mentoring, and job training. Today, MHASP operates 40 such programs. In 1986, with federal funding, Mr. Rogers founded the National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse. The clearinghouse provides thousands of U.S. mental health consumers and consumer-run organizations with the tools to be successful advocates and to establish and operate peer-run services. He has helped coin the term "consumer" and has become active in working to reform the methods used by police in apprehending "Emotionally Disturbed Persons" (EDPs).

Provider Field Coordinator Spotlight

Kimberly Kerr has been with Value Behavioral Health of PA (VBH-PA) since July 2008. She is the Provider Field Coordinator for the SW6 counties' children and adolescent providers. Kimberly is a licensed Professional Counselor with a Master's degree from Duquesne University in Community Counseling. Prior coming to VBH-PA she was the director of five behavioral health services with Wesley Spectrum Services for Westmoreland and Somerset counties.



Kimberly is married and lives with her husband and a rescued pooch named Barney in the Laurel Highlands. Her favorite pastimes are gardening and laughing with friends and family. When Kimberly was born she was the first baby of the New Year in Los Angeles, California.



Complex Trauma from Discovery to Treatment

Friday, November 18, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

(Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Presented by:

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Conference Location:

Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh

101 Mall Boulevard ▪ Monroeville, PA 15146

Please visit www.vbh-pa.com to view the entire conference brochure for complete details.

FEES (collected at the door):

Forum: No charge to attend forum

CEUs: \$10 - 6 credits for LSW/LCSW, LPC and LMFT

CEU INFORMATION

This program is offered for 6 HOURS of social work continuing education through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work, a Council on Social Work Education-accredited school and, therefore, a Pennsylvania pre-approved provider of social work continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW/LCSW, LPC and LMFT biennial license renewal. For information on social work continuing education, call (412) 624-3711. **Please note:** To receive CEU certificates or to verify attendance, participants are to attend the entire program and complete an evaluation.

REGISTRATION

To register, please visit:

<https://www.valueoptions.com/forumRegistration/displayForumInfo.do> and follow the instructions below.

Select **Pennsylvania** from the state dropdown list, (**DO NOT change any of the other fields-leave them as they are**) and then click on **Select**. Scroll down the screen and put a check mark in the box next to the event and then hit **Register**.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Tzoulis at (724) 744-6377 or by email: Kimberly.Tzoulis@ValueOptions.com.

**Register
now!**

Click on the link below to be added to the *ValueAdded* email distribution list:
http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/prv_information.htm#newsletters

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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Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania is pleased to present the



**4th Annual HealthChoices NW3
(Crawford/Mercer and Venango Counties)
Behavioral Health Forum:**

"Acknowledging the Journey"

This forum is for adults and family members of children and adolescents in the HealthChoices' program (members of VBH-PA) with behavioral health needs who reside in Crawford, Mercer or Venango Counties.

Thursday, November 10, 2011

9:00 am to 4:15 pm

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Radisson Hotel

3377 New Castle Road • West Middlesex, PA 16159

Featuring the Exceptional Parent and Individual Awards Luncheon

The forum is free for all attendees. Providers are encouraged to bring a member along with them.

Registration

Please complete the **Registration Form** found on the homepage of our website at www.vbh-pa.com. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

Exhibitors

If you are interested in reserving exhibit space, please complete the **NW3 2011 Exhibitor Form** found on the homepage of our website at www.vbh-pa.com. Space is limited, so please sign up early to secure your place at the forum.

Nominate an Individual for the Exceptional Individual/Parent Award

To acknowledge members' journeys in the behavioral health system, VBH-PA will publicly acknowledge HealthChoices' members from Crawford, Mercer and Venango Counties who have demonstrated courage, creativity and leadership in their recovery. Two awards from each county will be presented (one for adult services and one for a parent/caregiver of a HealthChoices' child). Please complete the **2011 Exceptional Individual/Parent Nomination Form** found on the homepage of our website at www.vbh-pa.com.

For more information, please call Shelley Thomas, PE&O Coordinator, at (724) 962-8032 or (866) 404-4561.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Bureau of Autism Services

Presents

Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) Trainer Workshop

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 9:00 am - 4:30 pm *Child Welfare Training Center, Mechanicsburg, PA*

ABOUT THE TRAINING: The intention of this free one-day training is to increase the pool of professionals who can facilitate the two-day FBA training using the BAS FBA DVD/Curriculum, and to assist trained staff in trouble-shooting problems in support planning and conducting FBAs. Participants of this session will also be able to train additional qualified staff within their agencies as FBA trainers. Manual and DVDs will be provided.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: This workshop is intended for current FBA trainers and other individuals who have an interest in training others in FBA. This includes Adult Autism Waiver Behavioral Specialist (BSS) providers, as well as BSCs, Program Managers or Managed Care Trainers within the BHMCOs and the BHRs provider community. Trainers should feel comfortable in mentoring others in the use of FBAs and the development of support plans for persons with ASD.

PRE-REQUISITES:

- 1. Hold a Master's Level degree**
- 2. Have 1,000 hours of experience conducting FBAs**
- 3. Meet one of the three additional requirements below:**
 - A. Be a current trainer using the BAS FBA DVD/Curriculum; **OR**
 - B. Have participated in the two-day FBA Workshop provided by either BAS, a regional ASERT, or an approved trainer using the BAS DVD/Curriculum, and have passed the required test; **OR**
 - C. Be a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This training is approved for continuing education for Board Certified Behavior Analysts, PA Educators, Social Workers, National Board Certified Counselors, and Psychologists. General Training hours will also be provided.

There is no cost to attend this session but pre-registration is required. Space is limited...REGISTER ONLINE today:

www.solutionwhere.com/bastraining

Questions? Contact 1-866-539-7689 or Email ra-bastrainings@pa.gov