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IMPORTANT PROVIDER DIRECT INFORMATION

PBH, our vendor for the Cardinal Innovations business system, is moving into new office space this weekend. In order to facilitate this move, the Provider Direct system will be inaccessible to providers from 5:00 pm, Friday, June 3rd to 8:30 am, Monday, June 6th. It is possible the system may become available prior to Monday at 8:30am, but you will want to plan for paper backup for afterhours staff over the weekend. We will notify you when the system is back online.

Annual Provider Status Reports (APSR)

Providers with IPRS contracts should complete their APSR as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. The report, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#), should be completed by an agency's Executive Director or other designated individual. Contracts for next fiscal year CANNOT be issued until the report is submitted.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Scholarships

OPC is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for clinicians to attend ASIST training. The training, which is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Greensboro, will be held July 14-15 in Greensboro and includes 13 hours of continuing education credit. Applications for the scholarships are due by June 15th. For details please see the attached flyers and application.

Ban of Dangerous Synthetic Drugs Goes Into Effect June 1

A ban of various dangerous synthetic drugs goes into effect in North Carolina on June 1, 2011. It will be illegal to sell, manufacture or possess synthetic cannabinoids, MPDV, or mephedrone. These drugs have been sold legally, often labeled as incense, bath salts, or plant food. See the attached recent press release from the NC Child Fatality Task Force or click [here](#) for a related press release from DHHS.

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A+KIDS – Off Label Antipsychotic Monitoring in Children

The **A+KIDS** (Antipsychotics-Keeping It Documented for Safety) registry is up and running. The registry allows providers to document the use of antipsychotic therapy in the child and adolescent Medicaid population, and by doing so, encourages the use of appropriate baseline and follow-up monitoring parameters to facilitate the safe and effective use of these agents in this population.

We have recently received the following questions and answers related to the program and wanted to pass them along to you. If you have not already done so, please visit the **A+KIDS** website by clicking [here](#) to register and find more information.

1. What happens to Medicaid children who are on these meds but their providers have not signed up for A+Kids? Will their prescriptions be denied?

At this point, there is open access to over-rides until mid-July, then 2 over-rides per patient per year that can be used to access medications. If a provider elects to not participate in the A+KIDS, the family will be faced with finding a different provider if antipsychotic medications continue to be indicated.

2. What happens if there is a need for medication that is perceived as being acute, can any provider write an initial prescription without being part of this program?

There is the fax form which can be used in such situations as described here. Also being discussed is consideration of a waiver for a 7 day supply.

3. Does A+Kids plan to require monitoring or look at outcomes or in some way?

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It depends on the definition of “require”. It is required that providers respond to the monitoring questions, but there are responses such as “unable to obtain” or “not clinically necessary”, etc. We will definitely be looking at outcomes. We have a team of outcomes evaluation experts who are working with us to perform this function.

2011-2012 Call For Workshop Proposals

The Family Advocacy Network (FAN), a program of Mental Health America of the Triangle, is seeking professionals in the field of mental health, psychopharmacology, special education, youth social development, parent skills building, family communication and strengths building to provide parent training for its 2011-12 workshop schedule, September through May.

The FAN-MHA of the Triangle is a non-profit organization and in the spirit of community service we ask facilitators to waive their traditional rate structure and donate their expertise in an effort to help local families who are already struggling with many special issues. In exchange, the FAN will provide a **\$50 honorarium** to facilitators to help offset travel and handout expenses. Only one honorarium can be paid regardless of the number of co-facilitators. A completed W-9 must be submitted to the MHAT business manager by the Wednesday prior to the workshop and checks will be mailed within 10 days following the training. Facilitators may also choose to waive receipt of the honorarium and a letter of donation from MHAT will be issued.

If you have interest in providing this valuable community service through our organization, click [here](#) for the Workshop Proposal Submission Form and return it to FAN-MHAT, P.O. Box 16246, Chapel Hill, NC 27516, **no later than July 31, 2011.**

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OPC Training Opportunities

Personality Disorders Training

June 8 1:00—3:00 at the OPC Administrative Offices. For more details see the attached flyer and registration form.

Provider Direct Training: Claims and Billing

June 15 12:30—3:30 at the OPC Administrative Offices. For more details see the attached flyer and registration form.

Incident Reporting and I.R.I.S. Training

June 22 1:00—5:00 at the OPC Administrative Offices. For more details see the attached flyer and registrations form.

Provider Direct Training: Enrollment and Authorizations

June 27 8:30—2:30 at the OPC Administrative Offices. For more details see the attached flyer and registration form.

Clinical Resources Lending Library

OPC would like to remind Providers about our Clinical Resources Lending Library. The library contains a variety of media- including textbooks, autobiographical accounts of mental illness and addiction, VHS tapes on diagnoses, DVDs that accompany curricula, educational pamphlets, and much more! Please see our website, www.opcareaprogram.org for a complete list of available materials and specific instructions for accessing them. Please contact Clinical Specialist, Paula Newman at 919-913-4133 or pnewman@opc-mhc.org if you have specific questions regarding the library.

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Other Training Opportunities

Behavioral Health Annual Conference

June 8—10 in Cary, NC. This annual conference is sponsored by the Behavioral Health Section of the NC Health Information Management Association. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Psychopharmacology for Non-prescribing Professionals

June 9 10:00—3:45 in Greensboro, NC. This workshop is sponsored by Greensboro AHEC and UNC's School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Military Family Issues

June 13 9:00—4:30 in Charlotte, NC. This training is sponsored by North Carolina AHEC and Citizen Soldier Support Program. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Selecting and Implementing Evidence Based Practices

June 17 9:00—4:00 in Raleigh, NC. This workshop is sponsored by Southeast Addiction Technology Center, SAMHA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the North Carolina Council of Community Programs. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Energy Healing in Psychotherapy

June 17 –18 in Chapel Hill, NC. This workshop is sponsored by the Southeast Institute for Group and Family Therapy. For more information and to register click [here](#).

5th Annual National Peer Specialist Conference

August 22—24 in Raleigh, NC. For more information and to register click [here](#).