



Western Highlands Network News

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Authorization Data

- Concurrent review: 2/18/08
- Initial Authorization: 2/14/08
- Medicaid Registration: 2/20/08
- IPRS Registration: 2/20/08

Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- 2/26 Crisis Response Training 10-1pm in Burnsville First Baptist Church.
- 2/26 Utilization Management 1-4pm at WHN room 315
- 3/6 SA Provider Meeting 1-3pm at WHN room 315
- 3/13 DD Provider Meeting 1:30-3pm at WHN room 315

News Flash!

Community & Consumer Happenings

National Alliance on Mental Illness - Western Carolina Affiliate February 2008 Daylight Dual Recovery Anonymous, a new self-help fellowship for people dealing with both a chemical dependency and a psychiatric illness, has begun open meetings on Mondays, 3:30–4:30 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 20 Oak St., Asheville. Enter the backdoor facing the Buncombe Co. Health Center. Parking is available in the real estate office next door. Call 712-1378 or email seallison@charter.net for information. Dual Recovery Anonymous is a national 12-step program. For information about the four other Dual Recovery groups in Asheville and Black Mountain, check www.dualrecovery.org.

A few openings remain for NAMI Family-to-Family, a free class for relatives and friends of individuals diagnosed with a severe mental illness. NAMI Western Carolina will offer the 12-week class 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 6 in Asheville. Class size is limited; pre-registration is required. Call 258-5359 for information. Family-to-Family emphasizes self-care and stress reduction for the caregivers, as well as dealing with a crisis, problem solving, community services and advocacy. Topics include up-to-date facts about schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, clinical depression, panic disorder, OCD, and co-occurring addictions. Well over 100,000 people nation-wide have attended Family-to-Family, developed by a clinical psychologist with a mentally ill loved one. "Finally, concrete information about biological brain disorders. It changed my life!" proclaimed one of the course's graduates.

The Monitoring Corner

Update from the Monitoring Corner

Greetings and Happy Friday!

A provider recently asked the following question related to the PCP format from 7/16/07:

If a Complete PCP (first one or update of one open prior to 7-1) was done using this PCP format, can it be used for updates until the one year review? Or is it necessary to convert 7-16 PCP's to 9-26 PCP's when the 90 day review or update is done?

Stay Informed!

NC Division of Mental Health

www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas

NC Division of Medical Assistance

www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/home.htm

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Here is the answer from the NC Division of MH/DD/SAS:

From an audit perspective we would not call a PCP out of compliance if the update/revision page from the earlier version of the plan was used, while waiting to move to the new format for the annual re-write. However, a PCP could be called out of compliance if the annual rewrite took place after 9/26/07 and was not done using the newest format.

Please circulate this information to personnel in your agency who are involved in PCP development!