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Provider Notice

To: All HealthChoices Network Providers
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Subject: MH 11 100 Utilization of FBA's in a Partial Hospital Program

Recently, there have been inquiries by Partial Hospital Program (PHP) providers regarding the request and utilization of a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) while a member is in a PHP. PerformCare expects the PHP to have the expertise and staff to conduct an FBA in house as part of the PHP program as PHP is considered to be a comprehensive service. PerformCare asks that the FBA be shared with the Clinical Care Manager by submitting a copy of the document.

Members who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may already have a completed FBA as part of their IEP. This FBA should be updated as part of the IEP process (a new IEP is completed upon a change in placement) and can be utilized in the PHP. If the member has an IEP but does not have an FBA, then one should be completed as part of the IEP process and utilized in the PHP. A separate FBA need not be completed since the FBA in the IEP can be used in the PHP and incorporated into the treatment plan.

If the FBA needs to be conducted in the home and community settings, the PHP provider may submit a request to the members Clinical Care Manager for consideration to authorize a trained and qualified BSC to conduct the FBA within the home/community location. PerformCare would expect that the outcome of that FBA would then be integrated into the treatment planning of the member while in the PHP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-888-700-7370.