



## Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network

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### **Memorandum**

**To: BRS Programs**  
**From: Kathy Savicki, Clinical Director**  
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**Date: December 17, 2007**  
**Subject: Preparing for mental health services to youth in BRS care**

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We believe that you may now or in the future be providing BRS services to youth who are enrolled with MVBCN. This packet is our introduction to how this process will work for youth from our five counties: Linn, Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook.

We hope to make this process as straightforward as possible. At the same time, we want to maximize the opportunities for the youth's home county mental health system to be aware of their needs and available to collaborate with you to plan services that will support a smooth transition when the youth returns to us.

We are asking that authorizations for services for specific youth from our region be done by the youth's home county mental health agency. Normally the authorization request will be made by the mental health provider you have suggested to work with the child. All of the instructions regarding eligibility, authorizations, and billings are contained in the enclosed document entitled **AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR MVBCN MEMBERS PLACED IN BRS PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF OUR REGION**. The contact person for each county is listed on page 3. Call them if you have any questions about services for youth in your care.

MVBCN will collect credentialing information from agencies with the appropriate Certificates of Approval for mental health services, and will maintain a list of approved out of area provider agencies. We have already mailed application materials to the programs on the enclosed list. If you wish to use another mental health agency, please let me know and we'll mail to them as well. We hope to post an approved list on our website by the end of this month. You'll find it at [mvbcn.org](http://mvbcn.org) in the *Resources for Providers* section under *BRS*. We will continue to build this list as we identify needed providers.

If you refer youth to individual mental health practitioners (physicians, therapists, etc.), those individuals will need to submit some information to the person in the youth's home county who will authorize the services. Again, if you have questions about this, contact the person listed on page 3 of the enclosed document.

If you currently have youth from our region in care, please take any questions to the mental health contact in the home county. We intend to honor existing treatment arrangements through early 2008 while we get new agreements in place.

***We look forward to working with you.***

***Let us know if you are having difficulties!***

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