

## **FBHPARTNERS SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

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FBHPartners is committed to two quality initiatives in which providers must participate. The first is intended to increase access to psychiatrist's services in the BHO's five (5) county service area by facilitating referrals from network providers to the medical staff at Jefferson Center for Mental Health (Jefferson Center) and The Mental Health Partners (MHP). The second, our Screening and Referral Policy and Procedures, is intended to advance care coordination and health integration within FBHPartners service area.

### **Improving Access to Psychiatric Services (addendum to Section 3):**

FBHPartners (FBHP) has in place a procedure for network providers serving members who are eligible to FBHPartners that facilitates referral to psychiatric prescribers employed by JCMH and MHCBBC. When an FBHPartners' member requires a psychiatric/medication referral the provider should implement the following procedure:

- 1) Complete the Medication Evaluation Referral Form (MERF) found on the FBHP website at [www.FBHPartners.com](http://www.FBHPartners.com), Provider Section, Forms Section;
- 2) Ensure that the packet of information, as outlined on the MERF form, is complete and available; and
- 3) Fax the request form to the ValueOptions Service Center at 719-538-1439. ValueOptions and the serving community mental health center will facilitate the referral from there.

### **Behavioral and Physical Health Screening and Referral (addendum to Section 8):**

FBHPartners requests that all behavioral health providers implement a program of behavioral health and physical health screening and referral at all access points across FBHPartners care system, including substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health providers and integrated physical health sites. The purpose is to ensure Members, no matter the FBHPartners setting, receive access to a consistent set of screening, assessment, and referral service protocols for SUD, depression, anxiety, trauma and physical health care access.

FBHPartners provides a set of recommended screening instruments, with well-established reliability for risk of alcohol and drug abuse, depression, anxiety and trauma (see FBHPartners website [www.fbhpartners.com](http://www.fbhpartners.com) for the policy and recommended instruments). All behavioral health providers should have in place procedures for screening at the initial assessment.

1. For SUD providers the procedures include screening for depression, anxiety and trauma, along with the SUD assessment.
2. For mental health providers the procedures include screening for alcohol and drug abuse and trauma along with the MH assessment.

3. SUD and mental health providers, co-located/integrated within a PCMP office or FQHC, should work closely with the health care provider to implement procedures for behavioral health screening, including depression, anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse and trauma, in particular for high-risk Members with severe mental illness or Members with a SUD with intravenous mode of administration of drugs, who are pregnant or postpartum.
4. Behavioral health providers should screen for physical health care access at initial contact, including Member identification of their PCP and last non-emergent physical health care visit.
5. All behavioral health providers, in particular the partner mental health centers and large SUD facility providers, should have in place clear protocols/procedures for receipt of screening referrals from PCMP offices or FQHCs as well as procedures for coordinating with those offices.