

# BERRY GAZETTE

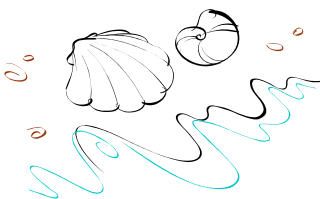
## BERRY FAMILY SERVICES

### From the Sr. Ex Director's Chair



The “dog days of summer” are upon us and I hope all of you are keeping cool. Before you know it, summer will be over and September will be here. September brings the fall, school activities and new HCS Principles, Billing Guidelines and Major changes to Medicaid. There is no way to escape these changes.

The biggest change is how you and/or your loved one will receive Medicaid benefits. It is of the utmost importance that each of you pay close attention to any and all mail that comes to you from Medicaid. To ignore it could cost you and your loved one their service. Please see the



detailed information regarding this subject within this newsletter.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, BFS has completed two HCS Surveys and one TxHmL Survey for this year, but I am proud to report all have been completed without any deficiencies. For some reason they are running behind this year. I feel very confident the remaining three HCS and two TxHmL surveys will be just as successful.

Since our last newsletter we have had a couple of Family Meetings for those that wanted to learn more about Group Homes. We had a great response and we plan to have some more in the near future. We currently have 12 Group Homes and we are looking for two more homes to open before the end of the summer. This is a need that is becoming more and more necessary as many of our individual's caregivers are getting older, family dynamics are changing and some individuals just want to leave mom and dad's home to have a place of their own. If you are interested in receiving infor-

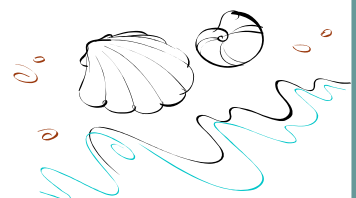
mation about Group Homes, or just have some questions, please contact Brenda Stolte, Group Home Coordinator at 972-412-4707 or [brenda@berryfamilyservices.com](mailto:brenda@berryfamilyservices.com). As the Group Home Coordinator she provides tours of homes, gathers information from the individual and/or their LAR to help the team determine the best possible placement, provides initial and on-going training for all staff, and is there to help the individual and the family through the transition period. It normally takes about 18 months for everyone to feel comfortable with this decision.

I do hope that everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. Stay safe and keep cool!!

Cindy Berry,  
Sr. Executive Director

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## Congratulations Class of 2014 GRADUATES!



This year we have several individuals that we would like to recognize for graduating from various different High Schools across the metroplex. We know this is a very special time in the lives of our families and we would like to celebrate with you and give each and everyone of you a **BIG** round of applause!!

Way to go! You did it!

### Congratulations goes to :

Antonio Cuevas  
Gabrielle Gamez  
Jacob Rouse  
Jose Perez  
Megan Stowe  
Samantha Ramirez  
Scott Dewitt  
Burnett Rossum  
Elaine Scialo  
Danielle Bucy  
Dana Bolin  
Cheyenne Cordy

### Wedded Bliss

*"Love you for  
a thousand  
Years".*



*Roses are red ,violets are blue and then I said I do. Congratulations to Candace and David for finding love. One of our own with in the Berry Family Services "Family" has fulfilled a dream come true. Candace was married in June to her sweet heart David. It was a small intimate affair with family. They shared their first dance to "Love you for a thousand years". The couple met while working and both continue to be employed fulltime. We want to share and celebrate with them in their happiness during this special time.*

## Managed Care Organization (MCO'S)

### MCO Update

- Please let your RSM know if you have not received information from HHSC regarding Star+Plus.
- Look for a letter from BFS regarding enrollment events that we are hosting throughout Texas.
- If an individual is receiving services through HCS or TxHML, and they have Medicare Part B, they should not receive any information regarding Star+Plus, and will not have to enroll for the September 1<sup>st</sup> transition.
- Please remember, if you are not enrolled in a plan by August 15, 2014, you will be auto-enrolled into a plan by HHSC.

Berry Family Services strongly urges individuals to attend the enrollment events that we have scheduled. There will be representatives there from the MCO's and Maximus, the enrollment broker. There will also be representatives from BFS there to assist as well. Please plan to attend one of the four scheduled events we have planned. The dates and information for each event are listed below:

#### July 14, 2014

Times: 10am-2pm

4pm-8pm

Double Tree North Dallas/Richardson

1981 N. Central Expressway

Richardson, TX 75080

#### July 21, 2014

Time: 4pm-7pm

Courtyard Dallas Arlington South

711 Highlander Blvd

Arlington, TX 76015

#### July 28, 2014

Time: 11am-3pm

Embassy Suites Houston near Galleria

2911 Sage Road

Houston, TX 77056

#### July 28, 2014

Time: 4pm-7pm

Best Western Plus

3100 Mustang Crossing

Greenville, TX 75042

## Focus on service-Adaptive Aids (Eyeglasses)

Focus on Service this month will be a detailed focus on Adaptive Aids: Eyeglasses. We know there can be a lot to remember when navigating the road to reimbursement. We have broken down the process with just a few key points to always keep in mind.

### Always remember:

- ◆ BFS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION.
- ◆ For individuals under the age of 21, Texas Health Steps (Medicaid) covers the cost of eyeglasses.
- ◆ Medicaid will cover a portion of eyeglasses for an individual over 21.

If you want to get reimbursed for eyeglasses, you must take the prescription to an establishment that can bill Medicaid. If Medicaid is not billed for the portion that Medicaid will cover then BFS cannot reimburse for eyeglasses.

If you need help finding an establishment that bills Medicaid, please contact your RSM or Nurse at BFS and they will assist you in finding a location.



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**Our Mission:**

“To provide persons with disabilities the necessary support to increase independence, dignity, personal growth, and inclusion in the community.”

**Our Philosophy:**

“We believe that all individuals deserve the same opportunities to achieve their goals and reach their full potential.

We will provide these opportunities in a nondiscriminatory, respectful, and financially

responsible manner.”

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