



## Provider Alert

To: Child/Adolescent Specialty Provider Networks  
 From: Felicia Spaulding, LPC Clinical Director  
 Re: Required new services in child/adolescent service packages  
 Date: 11/17/08

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The addition of the Parent Support Groups and the Family Partner role was described in the September 2008 SPN meeting. We have completed the contract amendment process to add the appropriate service codes to your contracts beginning 10/15/08. Please review the information below. Implementation of these core services for NorthSTAR members must occur in the following service packages:

Service Package	New Service	Units per 90 days	Unit Value
1.1 Externalizing Disorders	Parent Support Group	12 units	60 minutes
1.2 Internalizing Disorders	Parent Support Group	12 Units	60 minutes
2.2 Externalizing Disorders	Parent Support Group	12 Units	60 minutes
	Family Partner	24 Units	15 minutes
2.3 Internalizing Disorders	Parent Support Group	12 Units	60 minutes
	Family Partner	24 Units	15 minutes
2.4 Major Disorders	Parent Support Group	12 Units	60 minutes
	Family Partner	24 Units	15 minutes
4 Aftercare Services	Parent Support Group	12 Units	60 minutes

### Definitions

1. Parent Support Group: support and informational meetings for parents of children receiving services that are facilitated and routinely scheduled.
2. Parent Support Group: paraprofessional; QMHP-CS
3. Family Partner: peer mentoring, education and support provided by an experienced parent or primary caregiver to the caregivers of a child in service.
4. Family Partner: paraprofessional

The Family Partner is a family member or primary caregiver of a child who has had severe emotional disturbance and has received treatment in the past or currently in a community mental health type setting (regardless of location). The Family Partner is part of the wraparound team and can speak to the non-clinical, natural support needs of the child/family. The Family Partner is instrumental in orienting families to services, listening to the needs, and helping to identify strengths.

We anticipate scheduling a 2-3 day training session for Family Partners that will be sponsored by DSHS. This will be scheduled in the Dallas area. When the dates become available we will notify you and you may reserve your slots to participate in this training by emailing [Felicia.Spaulding@valueoptions.com](mailto:Felicia.Spaulding@valueoptions.com). Family Partners should attend as well as a trainer from each facility who will train future Family Partners.