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## PROVIDER ALERT

**Alert #:** PA 2012-04  
**Issued:** 2012  
**To:** Residential Care Homes – Executive Directors  
**Subject:** Medication Administration and Supervision Training to Support Recovery (MASTR)

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*Please ensure the appropriate personnel in your facility receives this information*

Dear Provider,

ValueOptions (the CT Behavioral Health Partnership- CT BHP) has always been committed to providing comprehensive care and support to our members requiring residential treatment services. In keeping with this commitment, ValueOptions has responded to a Request for Application from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop a Medication Administration Training program for unlicensed personnel to allow such personnel to administer medications to Residential Care Home (RCH) residents.

***More about who ValueOptions is...***

The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) formed the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) in 2005 to implement an integrated public behavioral health services system for children and families enrolled in HUSKY A, children and youth enrolled in HUSKY B or the Limited Benefit (DCF involved individuals with complex behavioral health needs) and adults enrolled in the Charter Oak Health Plan. In 2010, Connecticut was the first state to receive federal approval to expand its Medicaid services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as part of federal health care reform legislation. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) joined the CT BHP, thus creating the newly expanded partnership implementing an integrated public behavioral health services system for Medicaid FFS and Medicaid LIA clients. ValueOptions®, the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (ASO) of the Partnership since January of 2006, provides enhanced access to and coordination of a more complete and effective system of community-based behavioral health services and supports leading to better outcomes for children, adults and families.

The Medication Administration and Supervision Training to Support Recovery (MASTR) was developed in close collaboration with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and DSS. This training is a DPH approved training curriculum that is in accordance with Section 1: Section 19-13-D6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies concerning Residential Care Homes (M-39 REV.1/77).

The first MASTSR training session was a pilot training and recently was completed by five (5) RCHs. The training was a success and ValueOptions is grateful to the participants for their constructive feedback, much of which has been incorporated into our training curriculum for subsequent trainings.

In 2012, the CT BHP will begin the next MASTSR training classes. Select RCHs will be notified via phone call and email regarding their participation in the next training. *Note: If we reach capacity RSVP of 30 participants for a single training, we will contact you directly to advise you of the need to enroll in the next training.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the CT BHP Call Center at 1-877-552-8247. Thank you.

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