

## # 100 Important Prescription Information and more....

Dearest Advocates:

I hope everyone is drying out from all the flooding we had over the last few weeks. That's why you have not heard from me as much lately...dealing with water in my own basement. This newsletter is packed full of information that I think you will find helpful.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** For those that have Medicaid as secondary insurance and have had problems in the past with the primary insurance wanting you to fill 90 day prescription refills via mail-order and Medicaid not wanting to pay the co-pay.....Thanks to one of our fellow parents, Bill L. He was able to work with Medicaid to "help" them understand it is in the best interest of families and tax payers to utilize their primary healthcare insurance first and allow for Medicaid to pay the co-pay for 90 day prescription.

The following is a statement / process from Medicaid:

After researching and confirming pharmacy claims system functionality, we (Medicaid) will be able to allow a (90) day supply override in those instances where the primary insurer requires same. In order for the override to be properly applied, the dispensing pharmacist will have to contact the PBM vendors' help desk, SXC @ 1-866-525-5826. We have alerted SXC to authorize this type of request by phone. Whereas we are unable to modify the maximum days supply for all members, we are able to accommodate those members with active other insurance to obtain up to a (90) day supply, when the other insurer requires it.

This is GREAT NEWS. I hope you find this information helpful. Thanks to Bill L. for leading the charge and making a difference for families!

**UPDATE on NOW/COMP Waiver Self Directed Mandatory Training Meetings:** I wanted to give you an update on the NOW/COMP home and community based waivers self direction mandatory meetings being conducted right now by Office of Developmental Disabilities (DD). For those that have the waiver and are self directed, you will eventually receive a letter in the mail stating where and what time your training will occur. Apparently the intent to have a massive training was to have all the families/guardians and support coordinators at the same meeting. The first round of training was held last week and this week. Office of DD has heard the families concerns regarding not giving us enough time to schedule proper care of our children, taking time off work, etc They have assured us that future meetings will give families enough time to schedule and plan. If you cannot make your mandatory training session, please contact your Support Coordinator to discuss. They do plan on having a few weekend and night training sessions later this year and next. If you are self directed, YOU will need to attend one of these meetings eventually. Office of DD stated that they are trying to get "back to basics" and help everyone understand roles and responsibilities, communication, process, etc. I truly believe that this is a long time overdue- just wish they would have been better at giving families enough time to plan. Office of DD states they will take that into account for future meetings. I plan on going to mine this week....Keep you posted.

In addition, this is election time. Please start to ask questions from your local candidates regarding their views on disability issues. "Help" them understand the need for proper services is a win/win for everyone in the community. Building those relationships prior to you needing them is critical. We need to continue to take the time to help "educate" those that don't understand the potential of our children.

**Reminder:** Monkey Joes in Roswell is having a FREE Special Nights night this Thursday, October 22 from 6:30-8:30. Please go to my website for the actual flyer and additional information:

<http://www.heidijmoore.com/events/index.asp>

In addition, below is information regarding upcoming HEROES STAR- Greg Grunberg Epilepsy free Seminar and Autism Spectrum Disorder Educator Training Seminar.

***“UNITED – WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!”***

Sincerely,

***Heidi***

**(Proud Mother to Jacob - 9 yrs old with Down syndrome and Jared - 7 yrs old)**

***“Help the Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!”***

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HEROES STAR- Greg Grunberg Epilepsy Seminar- FREE:

**WHAT:** HEROES STAR- Greg Grunberg FREE PRESENTATION to promote the “Just Talk About It” campaign for Epilepsy Ed

**WHEN:** NOV 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration at 6 PM, Guest speaker presentation at 6:30

**WHERE:** Atlanta Marriott Perimeter (Adjacent to the mall), 246 Perimeter Parkway, NE, Atlanta, Ga 30346

**COST:** FREE

**Speakers:** Dr Thomas Holmes and Heroes Star; Greg Grunberg (who has a son with seizures)

**PRE-REGISTER** by calling 1-866-865-7305 or go to their website: [www.epilepsyadvocate.com](http://www.epilepsyadvocate.com)

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Autism Spectrum Disorder Educator Training Seminar- Saturday, October 24, 2009

Special and Regular Education Administrators, Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Case Managers, Therapists, College Students, Parents, and Caregivers Welcome and Encouraged!

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Stonemill Church, 855 Northbrook Parkway, Suwanee, GA

Featuring Nationally Known Presenters:

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and Patrick Schwarz, Ph.D.

A Friend Indeed: Promoting Meaningful Social Relationships

Only \$10.00 per person – Lunch on Your Own

Pre-registration Strongly Encouraged as Space is Limited

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for more information or to register.