



Network Operations Communications Bulletin  
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**To:** PBH Provider Agencies

**From:** Stephan Tomlinson, Director of Network Operations

**Re:** **Electronic Medical Records Pilot Project**

PBH has been offered a unique opportunity to participate in an Electronic Medical Records Pilot Project being offered by the Division of Mental Health. As part of the national healthcare reform initiative, all medical records will become electronic within the next 5 years. This effort will enable healthcare professionals to have immediate access to vital healthcare information about consumers seeking treatment so that appropriate care can be provided. This pilot program is being sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Representatives from the Division of Mental Health presented details of this pilot program at the last Network Council meeting. DMH is seeking agency providers of mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services to participate in this pilot program. There will be **no cost to providers who participate** beyond the time it takes for entering the medical records information into DMH's web-based computer software.

PBH would like to identify no more than 10 provider agencies that would be interested in participating in this pilot program with PBH. We will host a web-conference next month for provider agencies interested in participating in this pilot program. Please contact Shelby Marlow at 704 721-7060 or by email at [shelby.marlow@pbhsolutions.org](mailto:shelby.marlow@pbhsolutions.org) by Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> if you would like to be considered.