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June 13, 2017

Effective July 1, Meridian will begin providing services in Macclenny as River Region Human Health Services closes its office there. Meridian already sees many people from Baker County either in our Lake City and Starke office, so many residents are familiar with our services and we are looking forward to serving many more.

If you don't know about us – Meridian provides a whole range of services and has offices across 11 counties in north central Florida. Our services include outpatient counseling for mental health and substance use, for both adults and children, psychiatric services, case management and care coordination, and many others. Our children's staff will be available to provide services in the schools or homes, as most appropriate to the family and the child's needs, as well as in the clinic. And we hope to provide drop-in center hours in Baker County soon.

Meridian accepts most insurance and Medicaid and works with Lutheran Services Florida, for those individuals who do not have insurance and cannot afford care.

Residents of the County who need inpatient psychiatric care already come to Meridian and many have chosen us for their follow-up care. We also provide Detox and Residential treatment of substance abuse for adults and adolescents as well. We look forward to working with you and to joining Baker County's healthcare community. We will be available at this location starting July 1, but can begin seeing you immediately at any of our other locations.

**If you want to schedule an appointment please call 1-800-330-5615 or visit our website at [www.mbhci.org](http://www.mbhci.org) to learn more about our services. While we will not be in the Macclenny building until July 1, we can see you at one of our nearby locations and will do everything possible to make a smooth transition and avoid interruptions in your care.**

Sincerely,

Margarita Labarta, PhD  
President/CEO



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**Important information:**

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare has been serving individuals in north central Florida since 1971.

Meridian is accredited by the Council of Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities and is licensed by the State of Florida (Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Healthcare Administration) to provide mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

**Transferring Care:**

Meridian will be in Macclenny and open to provide care July 1.

We hope to have some of the staff you already know providing services. We do need to make sure we have your most recent treatment records from River Region Human Services. Releases of information are available at the office and attached to this notice for your use. It is very important that you fill in the highlighted sections, and that you sign the release.

**Services that will be available at the clinic in Macclenny:**

- Outpatient counseling for mental health and substance use disorders, for adults and children
- Medication evaluation and follow-up
- Case management
- Family Interventions Specialists for those involved with partnership for Strong Families
- Specialized services for those in the criminal justice system

**Other services Meridian offers in Lake City or Gainesville:**

- Because Meridian is a comprehensive center, we offer many levels of care. Residential services are on our larger campuses, closer to other medical facilities. We have an electronic medical record, so no matter what service you receive from us, all of your providers can coordinate care so you have the best and most efficient treatment available.
- Residential substance abuse treatment (adults, adolescents, pregnant women and new moms)
- Detox
- Crisis Stabilization ("CSU")
- Medication Assisted Treatment for alcohol and opioid addiction (Methadone, Suboxone, and Vivitrol)

**Paying for treatment**

Meridian accepts all major insurance, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, AvMed, United, Aetna, and Humana. We also accept all forms of Medicaid, including United, Molina, Staywell and Sunshine. Because we are contracted with Lutheran Services Florida, we also see people who have no insurance. Our staff at the Access Center can verify your insurance when you first make an appointment. We also have "Navigators" who can help you apply for the best coverage for you.





CHART #: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. to: ☐ Release AND/OR ☐ Receive the following  
(Check all that apply):

- ☐ Treatment Goals and Progress    ☐ Evaluations and Assessments    ☐ Information Concerning AIDS/HIV Infection  
☐ Educational Information    ☐ Medical/Psychiatric Assessment & Treatment (Including Labs and Medications)  
☐ Behavioral Observation    ☐ Substance Use/Abuse Assessment & Treatment (Including Labs and Medications)  
☐ Therapy/Counseling Notes    ☐ Other (Specify): All treatment records

In compliance with FS 90.503, 394.459(9), 394.4615, 395.3025(2)(3), 397.501(7), and Federal Regulations 45 CFR, Part 164.508 (c)(1) & 42 CFR Part 2.

**Information from the records of:**

Client Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth / Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Other Identifier \_\_\_\_\_

For the purpose of

☒ to assist in the evaluation and treatment of the client. ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO/FROM: Please check all that apply**

- ☐ Partnership for Strong Families  
☐ Department of Children and Families  
☐ Social Security Administration  
☐ State Attorney  
☐ Probation/Parole – Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Personal Attorney  
☒ Other: River Region Human Services  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

A signed revocation may be submitted at any time, but Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. shall not be held liable for any information released prior to its receipt. Information disclosed under this authorization might be redisclosed by the recipient and this redisclosure may no longer be protected by federal or state law.

Your signature on this authorization is not required to receive treatment. This release form shall be valid for (check one):

- ☒ A single disclosure    OR    ☐ A continuing disclosure for **90 days** from signature date below.  
☐ A continuing disclosure for **1 year** from signature date below.

To Receiving Agency:

**PROHIBITION OF RE-DISCLOSURE:** This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected. Any further disclosure is strictly prohibited unless the client provides specific written consent for the subsequent disclosure of this information. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is not sufficient to waive confidentiality of these records.

I acknowledge that I have read, or have had read to me, this authorization and fully understand its contents. I understand that signing this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned up on my authorization of this disclosure.

Signature of Client \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Legal Guardian or Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN INFORMATION TO:**  
**Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Attn:**

Health Information Management

4300 SW 13th Street

(Name of Staff)

(Clinic Street Address)

Gainesville

, Florida 32608

(City)

(Zip)

**Submit Form**