Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc.



OK, this may seem boring but it is extremely important for LAGPA members who are in private practice to accept insurance payments. Why?? There are over 30,000 therapists in LA County alone. Most therapists work less than 15-hours a week due to lack of clients. The idea that you are going to graduate from college and immediately have a full practice of clients paying \$200/hr out of pocket is delusional. Besides, even the rich now have health insurance and they want to use their policy instead of paying cash.

Being an in-network provider	Coding/billing issue
• Differences between the carriers	• What it's like working with them
Helping HIV patients	• Ways to get health insurance
Difference between the carrier's drug formularies	• How to help if someone hasn't been able to get health insurance before
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It's a whole new world of healthcare. It is important to accept insurance.



Paul Waters

Commercial Account Executive with 1st Community Insurance Services, a Covered California certified agent, and coauthor of Frontiers' "Our Guide to Obamacare, a 3-Part Series." Paul is LAGPA's insurance agent. 800-316-0019



Fred Wilkey, Ed.D.

A licensed clinical psychologist, Fred has a solo private practice doing cognitive behavioral psychotherapy in West Hollywood. Fred has been counseling as a licensed practitioner for over 35 years experience as a licensed therapist and has been on the LAGPA board for many years.

AND



Linda Jacobs, Owner of Physicians Billing & Consulting

PBCS has been in business for over 28 years and has successfully developed a client base of providers specializing in behavioral health. I am proud to say the majority of PCBS's clients have been with us for over 24 years. PBCS will design a program to meet the specific needs of any practice. We provide complete billing and collection cycle, electronic claims submission, monthly reports provided by an experienced staff.

Learning Goals:

- Identify manage care organizations and develop the contacts for getting on provider panels.
- Establish working relationship with a billing service.
- Identify diagnostic codes and CPT codes for insurance billing.
- Determine process for clients to work with medical insurance including new ACA policy.

2 CE Credits, APA for Psychotherapists

If you desire CE credits, the cost is: \$20 for members; \$30 for non-members.

Sunday, July 16, 2017 • 12 Noon to 2:30 PM. Free lunch provided by Twin Town Treatment Center. Catering by Chef Eddie Morgado. Lunch is held the first half hour of the workshop. 8739 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069 Paid parking in basement of building or street metered parking. **RSVP** – Chuck Stewart, Ph.D., at lagpa@sbcglobal.net **Payment is accepted at the door in cash, check, or credit card**.

LAGPA

The Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc., (LAGPA), was established in 1992 as an organization of mental health professionals interested in the psychological well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and/or questioning individuals. LAGPA membership benefits include discounts to all LAGPA events, including academic forums, social events, professional women's events, queer events, and the annual LGBTIQ Psychotherapy Conference. In addition, members also receive LAGPA's tri-annual newsletter "Progress Notes," an LGBTIQ resource directory, membership listing on the LAGPA website (www.lagpa.org), and the online LAGPA membership directory. LAGPA is an accredited provider of continuing education for psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists. **Visit us at LAGPA.org.**

Continuing Education Credit Disclosure

LAGPA is approved to provide Continuing Education Credits for Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, and Nurses. The exact number of credits awarded is equal to the number of contact hours for each event and is specified on the Syllabus and the Registration Form.

• <u>APA CE Credits</u> — LAGPA is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. LAGPA maintains responsibility for this program and its content.



Twin Town Treatment Center, 8739 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069 Upstairs. Near the corner of Hancock and Santa Monica. Underground parking available accessed from Hancock.