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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention Providers and Applied Behavior Analysts

SUBJECT: Autism Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2017, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) treatment services will be added to the South Carolina Medicaid State Plan.

ASD treatment services will be available both for fee-for-service (FFS) beneficiaries and for managed care organization (MCO) members.

Medical Necessity

Medically necessary ASD treatment services are available for Medicaid beneficiaries between the ages of 0 to 21 who have an established ASD diagnosis via a comprehensive psychological assessment.

Provider Enrollment

Providers can begin the enrollment process on April 21, 2017. To enroll as an ASD provider in the South Carolina Medicaid program, the provider must qualify as a Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP), Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA). In order to enroll as an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) provider, the applicant must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number which can be obtained at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>, and complete the online Medicaid provider enrollment application with South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). Once the online provider enrollment application has been submitted and screened, SCDHHS will contact the Administrative Service Organization (ASO), South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN). The ASO will review and approve prospective ABA providers.

On or after April 21, 2017, you may access the online enrollment application at <https://providerservices.scdhhs.gov/ProviderEnrollmentWeb/> to begin enrolling as an ABA provider.

If you are enrolling as an individual, the table below identifies fields that must be selected within the enrollment application.

Enrollment Type	Provider Type Description	Specialty Description	Taxonomy Code
Individual	Other Medical Professionals	Board Certified Behavioral Analyst	103K00000X
Individual	Other Medical Professionals	Board Certified Assistant Behavioral Analyst	106E00000X

If you are enrolling as a group practice, the table below identifies fields that must be selected within the enrollment application.

Enrollment Type	Provider Type Description	Provider Specialty	Taxonomy Code
Organization	Groups	Multiple Specialty Group	193400000X

Enrolled Medicaid LIPs are also eligible to provide ASD services following registration in the ASD provider network through SCDDSN. To begin this process, contact the SCDHHS' Division of Behavioral Health at behavioralhealth002@scdhhs.gov. Providers seeking to become LIPs should follow the procedures outlined in the LIP manual.

Please visit <https://www.scdhhs.gov/ProviderRequirements> for more information on provider enrollment.

Providers may also choose to contract and enroll with any of the state's contracted MCOs. Providers must be enrolled with SCDHHS in order to participate with any of the MCOs. Providers can find contact information for each MCO at https://msp.scdhhs.gov/managedcare//resource/managed-care-health-plan-contact-information_

Prior Authorization

All ASD services for FFS beneficiaries must receive prior authorization through the SCDHHS ASO.

Providers must verify eligibility and contact the applicable MCO for prior authorization, when required, before rendering services to MCO-enrolled beneficiaries. Both Medicaid and managed care eligibility can be verified at the SC Medicaid Web Portal, <https://portal.scmcaid.com/login>.

Billable Codes

As of July 1, 2017, the following codes will be billable for medically necessary ASD services rendered by enrolled ASD network providers. The fee schedule will be available on the SCDHHS website, <https://www.scdhhs.gov/resource/fee-schedules>, after April 21, 2017.

Procedure Code	Service Description	Qualifications
0359T	Behavior Identification Assessment (ABA)	BCBA/BCaBA
0368T & 0369T	Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	BCBA/BCaBA
0360T & 0361T	Observational Behavioral Follow-up Assessment	BCaBA/RBT II (bachelor degree + RBT + 500 hours of line therapy experience)
0362T, 0363T	Exposure Behavioral Follow-up Assessment	RBT I (RBT certification)
0364T, 0365T	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol	
0370T	Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance	BCBA/BCaBA
H2019	Therapeutic Behavioral Services (non-ABA)	Ph.D./Psy.D., LISW, LMFT, LPC, LPES
90791	Behavior Assessment (non-ABA)	Ph.D./Psy.D., LISW, LMFT, LPC, LPES
96101	Psychological Testing	Ph.D./Psy.D., LPES

Should you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the SCDHHS Division of Behavioral Health at (803) 898-2565.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

/s/
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