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A. Subject

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder

B. Background

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can vary widely in severity and symptoms, depending on the developmental level and chronological age of the patient. ASD is often defined by specific impairments that affect socialization, communication, and stereotyped (repetitive) behavior. Children with autism spectrum disorders have pervasive clinically significant deficits which are present in early childhood in areas, such as intellectual functioning, language, social communication and interactions, as well as restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests and activities.

There is currently no cure for ASD, nor is there any one single treatment for the disorder. Individuals with ASD may be managed through a combination of therapies, including behavioral, cognitive, pharmacological, and educational interventions. The goal of treatment for members with ASD is to minimize the severity of ASD symptoms, maximize learning, facilitate social integration, and improve quality of life for both the members and their families/caregivers.



D. Policy

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The ADMINISTRATIVE Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the ADMINISTRATIVE Policy Statement Policy and is approved.



- D. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) allows Mental Health Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHCs) provider type 84s to render and be reimbursed for ABA services using the service code H0036 - Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST).
1. CareSource strongly encourages CBHCs to use the ABA CPT codes outlined here for the purposes of billing for ABA services but does accept CPST (H0036) as a service code for ABA services when submitted by an appropriately certified CBHC.
  2. Expectations of this policy and the Applied Behavior Analysis for Autism Spectrum Disorder Medical policy apply to any ABA services whether they are billed using ABA CPT codes or CPST (H0036).

E. Conditions of Coverage

Payments may be subject to limitations and/or qualifications and will be determined when the claim is received for processing.

Program Integrity will be engaged for an annual review of data

When the member has other insurance, Medicaid is always the payor of last resort.

CareSource will not pay more than the Medicaid rates total for service. Prim 0.w 0.283 0 Td [(d472 0 Td



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