

Preventive Services-Autism Treatment Services

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Service Components—Autism Treatment Services

Comprehensive evaluation—A comprehensive evaluation is administered by a state contractor using age-appropriate validated evaluation tools for functional development, assessment information from other qualified professionals and direct observation. The results of the comprehensive evaluation must include recommendation of treatment needs to prevent the progression of disability and promote mental health and efficiency. The comprehensive evaluation must be reviewed and signed by a pediatrician or child or adolescent psychiatrist to indicate their recommendation of the services in the evaluation. This contractor is independent, and the individuals on the evaluation team cannot provide nor be employed by an agency that provides, any of the recommended treatments. The only exception to this is the pediatrician or child or adolescent psychiatrist.

Treatment Plan—A Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or intermediate professional meeting the qualifications and working under the supervision of the BCBA, will develop a treatment plan using evidence based practices. The plan will include developmentally appropriate functional goals, treatment outcomes, methods of implementation, data collection process, treatment modality, intensity, frequency, duration, and setting. The provider must see the child face-to-face to bill for the service. The treatment plan must be reviewed and signed by a parent/legal guardian. The BCBA assumes responsibility for all services provided by an intermediate professional.

Implementation Guidance—The BCBA or intermediate professional who wrote the treatment plan will also educate and coach parents/caregivers in this plan, modeling and giving direction to the implementation of the plan in the home or other community environments that are a part of the member's typical day. Any updates or changes to the treatment plan will also be completed by the BCBA or intermediate professional and modeled for the parents/caregivers in the home or other community environments that are a part of the member's typical day. The BCBA assumes responsibility for all services provided by an intermediate professional.

Intensive Treatment— All intensive treatment services must be provided under the direct oversight of the BCBA who wrote the treatment plan. Services may be delivered by a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). The BCBA assumes responsibility for all services provided. Intensive treatment will be provided in the home setting or other community settings that are a part of the member's typical day. The RBT delivers face-to-face services implementing the treatment plan, developmental and behavioral techniques, progress measurement, data collection, function of behaviors and generalization of acquired skills.

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Provider Qualifications and Billing Requirements---Autism Treatment Services

Provider qualifications for a BCBA are as follows:

- 1) Obtain and maintain certification by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB).

Provider qualifications for Intermediate Professional are:

- 1) Board Certified assistant Behavior Analyst obtains and maintains certification by the BACB:
- 2) Family Support Specialist with an Autism Endorsement issued on or after July 1, 2014 who obtains and maintains endorsement by the Developmental Disabilities Program; or
- 3) Student enrolled in an accredited BCBA graduate level education program.

Provider qualifications for a Registered Behavior Technician are as follows:

- 1) Obtain and maintain certification by the BACB.

All services must be billed by the BCBA responsible for the service.