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Medicaid Autism Services

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Overview

- Medicaid autism services policy is live as of Feb. 1, 2022
- Medical policy includes coverage of medically necessary Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and provides for coordination of service array



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- Incorporates Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) into existing state plan service package for children & youth (Birth through age 20) with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Delivers services in:
 - Home
 - Community
 - Clinic Settings



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- Utilizes an interdisciplinary model of care and includes participation with the individual, legal guardian, and/or caregiver, as appropriate
- Service array includes, but is not limited to, the following if medically necessary. These services may occur concurrently with ABA.
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech Therapy
 - Outpatient Behavioral Health Services
 - Physician Medication Management



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- For services delivered in a managed care environment:
- MCOs will be reimbursed using non-risk payment, up to the fee-for-service (FFS) amount
- MCOs are required to follow the medical policy in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) and provide services in accordance with the policy



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Implementation Activities

- State plan amendment approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on Jan. 27, 2022 for Feb. 1, 2022 implementation date
- Updated TMPPM and launched prior authorization form & instructions on Feb. 1, 2022
- Rates were effective Feb. 1, 2022 and Mar. 1, 2022
- Added group provider enrollment on Jan. 28, 2022
- HHSC withdrew 1115 waiver amendment because CMS directed that it was not necessary



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Outreach Activities

- Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) conducts ongoing provider outreach to individuals and organizations. TMHP continues to:
 - Post provider notices and banner messages
 - Send email blasts and letters
- TMHP provides assistance in completing provider enrollment through:
 - Provider contact line, calls and emails
 - Walk through provider meetings
 - Concierge services to assist with applications



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Outreach Activities

- TMHP updates the Licensed Behavioral Analysis Quick Reference Guide to provide information about enrollment and the context for service delivery
- TMHP facilitated three provider training webinars
 - Policy training in two parts and FAQ session
 - Recordings are available to providers and public on tmhp.com in the [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#)



Upcoming Post-Implementation Activities

- HHSC will provide MCOs with a family flyer to assist with outreach to families/caregivers and eligible members
 - HHSC will ask committee members for feedback on the flyer when it is ready
- HHSC will propose Texas Administrative Code rules related to:
 - Authorized ABA providers and their training, supervision and licensing / registration / certification requirements
 - Scope of services and limitations





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Thank You

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