

Reimbursement Benefit for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services

Devereux will reimburse up to \$5,000 each calendar year for services related to an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis for dependent children up to age 26 on a Devereux provided Independence Blue Cross medical plan.

• Services reimbursed are those that have been denied insurance coverage or have been paid for out-of-pocket to an Autism provider.

How do I request a reimbursement?

Email your reimbursement request and documentation to <u>Ann DelCarlino</u> or <u>Jelsy Kravatz</u>. Examples of documentation include an Explanation of Benefits (EOB), paid receipt or provider statement that contains the date(s) of service, service(s) and cost.

What services are covered?

Services covered are diagnostic assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, including:

- Prescription drugs and blood level tests
- Services of a psychiatrist and/or psychologist (direct or consultation)
- Applied behavioral analysis
- Other rehabilitative care and therapies, such as services provided by speech and language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists.

Treatment Requirements:

- Must be for an ASD diagnosis
- Must be medically necessary
- Must be identified in a treatment plan developed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist (a licensed behavior specialist may design, implement or evaluate a behavior modification intervention component of a treatment plan)
- Must be prescribed, ordered or provided by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social worker or certified registered nurse practitioner
- Must be provided by an autism service provider or a person, entity or group that works under the direction of an autism service provider. An ASD provider includes behavior specialists licensed by the Department of State.

Questions? Contact Ann DelCarlino or Jelsy Kravatz.

