



## PROVIDER ALERT

### **Adaptive Skill Building: New service covered by Medicaid**

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Dear Provider:

The Human Services Department (HSD), Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is offering Adaptive Skills Building as a new Medicaid covered service. This service is a very specialized service for young children, birth up to 5 years of age, diagnosed with an Autism Disorder.

Service Requirements include:

Eligible population: Adaptive Skill Building Services (ASB) is provided to:

- 1) young children (recipients birth up to 5 years of age) **with a diagnosis of Autism Disorders (AD)**, listed in the most current version of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) as 299.0. The diagnosis **must** come from either a PhD or an MD with experience in Autism; and
- 2) each qualifying child must need intensive intervention to develop skills necessary to function successfully at home and in the community and also require intensive and specialized treatment approaches to learn adaptive behaviors.

Services:

- 1) ASB services include the development of an Intervention Plan, implementation of the plan, application of Applied Behavior Analysis, assistance for caregivers in socially purposeful engagement of the recipient, and ongoing monitoring of the plan and recipient progress being made.
- 2) This service includes the use of basic Applied Behavior Analysis techniques provided as part of a comprehensive approach to the treatment of Autism Disorders.

**An agency applying to OptumHealth New Mexico to provide this service must first have a valid acceptance letter from MAD**, assuring that they meet the MAD provider requirements and a MAD Readiness Assessment has been completed and approved.

Upon acceptance as a MAD provider, the ABS provider will work with their assigned Provider Relations Specialist and Contract Manager to add this service and amend their existing contract with OptumHealth New Mexico to include this service or to become a contracted provider. Please note that the effective date of this service amendment will be based upon receipt of the signed amendment or the new contract from the Provider.

HSD/MAD Medicaid can be contacted for inquiries regarding Medicaid program policies, billing instructions specific to ASB as well as other Medicaid services, utilization review instructions, administrative operations and overall program management questions at (505) 827- 3118 or 1-888-997-2583 (request the MAD Benefits Services Bureau-Behavioral Health FFS Program Manager).

Please contact OptumHealth New Mexico for assistance regarding becoming an OptumHealth New Mexico enrolled ASB provider. Please contact the Provider Relations Specialist in your for assistance.

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