Bulletin



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Changes regarding coverage of EIBI services for Autism Spectrum Disorder for Minnesota Health Care Program members

Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) is a term described as an intensive, multidisciplinary approach used to treat the symptoms of a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This area lacks standard terminology, but does include Intensive Early Intervention Behavioral Therapy (IEIBT), Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Lovaas and Discrete Trial Training (DTT).

EIBI services are not a covered benefit for Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) members as determined by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and therefore will no longer be covered for MHCP members who have PMAP through Blue Plus effective January 1, 2012. This change impacts MHCP members only (group numbers PP021, PP022, PP024, PP025, PP026, PP027 all subgroups; and PP111-ZA, PP112-ZA, PP151-ZA, PP152-ZA).

Blue Plus will assist providers in transitioning Minnesota Healthcare Program members currently receiving EIBI services to clinically appropriate alternative services. For assistance transitioning a member please contact Blue Plus provider services.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Blue Plus provider services at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.