

# Bulletin



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## Revision to Provider Bulletin P23R1-09 regarding EIBI Services for Autism Spectrum Disorder for the Federal Employees Program (FEP)

Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) is a term used to describe 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). As the result of a coverage review by the FEP Directors Office in Washington D.C. a benefit change will be implemented effective August 4, 2010.

EIBI services described above will no longer be covered for FEP subscribers effective August 4, 2010. This includes day treatment and therapies billed with “H” and “S” procedure codes. Medical services and physical, occupational and speech therapy billed with standard codes will continue to be covered.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will assist providers in transitioning FEP subscribers currently receiving EIBI services, to covered services under the FEP plan. If you want assistance transitioning an FEP subscriber please contact FEP provider service at Blue Cross.

### Questions?

Please contact FEP provider service at Blue Cross for assistance at **(651) 662-5044** or toll free at **1-800-859-2128**.