

1) What insurance company(ies) are reflected in this response?

Group Health Plan, Inc. (GHP)

2) For Applied Behavior Analysis services/treatment, does the company have specific procedure codes that it would like to be used for billing purposes? Please indicate if any of these codes are limited in time and thus require units of treatment to be specified.

GHP/MHNet will be using cpt code 99347 with the following provider modifiers:

HP=BCBA-D (doctoral level)

HO=BCBA

HN=Bachelor's level ABA, non-certified

HM=no degree, ABA, non-certified

no modifier with the code=BCaBA

The above code/modifiers represent a 15 minute unit of service. This information is specified on the provider rate schedule to ensure providers understand and can bill services appropriately.

3) Of the treatments identified in the law, will the company require precertifications or preauthorizations for any treatments or services (check all that apply):

- a. Psychiatric care; **Yes, prior authorization is required except for initial assessment (i.e. 90801) and 90862 services.**
- b. Psychological care; **Yes, prior authorization is required except for initial assessment services (i.e. 90801).**
- c. Habilitative or rehabilitative care, including applied behavior analysis therapy;
- d. Therapeutic care; **certain types of medical care (such as inpatient) require prior authorization. For a list, providers can go out onto the GHP website, call the toll-free number, or access in the provider manual (also on the website and can be accessed by contracted or non-contracted providers).**
- e. Pharmacy care;
- f. Other – Specify: _____

4) What telephone numbers should providers use to contact the company for precertifications or preauthorizations, if required, for the following treatments or services (please complete for all that are applicable):

- a. Psychiatric care; **1-877-227-3520**
- b. Psychological care; **1-877-227-3520**
- c. Habilitative or rehabilitative care, including applied behavior analysis therapy; **1-877-227-3520**
- d. Therapeutic care; **(medical) 1-800-743-3901**
- e. Pharmacy care; **1-877-215-4100**

f. Other – Specify: _____

- 5) What should a provider do if the patient has already been diagnosed as being in the autism spectrum and is currently undergoing treatments that are now covered under this law?

Providers should contact MHNet at 1-877-227-3520 to discuss benefit authorization for ongoing medically necessary treatment services. In addition, providers desiring to join the MHNet Autism treatment (including ABA services) network can contact Rafael Pinero at 800-835-2094 for contracting questions and assistance.

- 6) Does the company have a specific form that must be used or required elements that must be included when submitting a treatment plan? If so, please attach a sheet detailing such information or provide an internet address where such information can be located.

MHNet will accept any comprehensive treatment plan document from a provider for review every 6 months. MHNet also utilizes a one page Autism Outpatient Treatment Report (OTR) form to be submitted with the providers formal comprehensive treatment plan every 6 months, as well as for requests for additional authorizations in between the 6 month interval if needed. That form should be available on the MHNet website on or about February 1, 2011. The form will be located here at www.mhnet.com. There is a drop down box on the "Provider" link at the top of the page labeled "Provider Forms". The specific link to that page is below.

<http://www.mhnet.com/Providers/ProviderForms/tabid/311/Default.aspx>

- 7) How should a claim with multiple diagnoses (including autism) and services be coded to ensure payment under this mandate?

Providers should document service codes on the standard claim form as identified on the provider contracted rate schedule and based on the actual services provided.

- 8) What are the company's credentialing requirements? Is the company waiving any credentialing requirements for Autism Service Providers or ABA providers?

MHNet credentials Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) who have met all requirements of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB). For other ABA providers, we will contract and credential groups who have BCBA's providing supervision and oversight to cover their services. With group contracts, all treatment is authorized to the group to cover all of their ABA providers.

9) Where can a provider go or call to get more information about contracting with the insurance company?

Providers can contact MHNet at 1-800-377-9096 or can contact Rafael Pinero at 800-835-2094 for contracting questions and assistance.

10) Is there any other information the company would like to share?

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