



**TO: Autism Specialist Providers**

**RE: Clarification on Office-Based Care**

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The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification on autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services that may be delivered within an office-based setting.

### **Center or Office-based Services**

As appropriate for each individual, based on that person's plan of care, all covered ASD services may be provided within an office-based model as well as a home-based model. When services are provided in an office-based setting, the member is not required to have an adult caregiver present if deemed clinically appropriate by the treating provider. However, having an adult caregiver present in the office-based setting remains the preference. When an accompanying adult caregiver is not present, the office-based provider must have a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or an independently licensed practitioner present in the center or office while all services are provided to Medicaid members under the age of eighteen (18).