

## TO: Autism Specialist Providers

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

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 officebased 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 officebased 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).

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