

Autism Insurance Resource Center

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MassHealth Coverage for ABA Therapy

As many of you know, the Omnibus Autism Bill was signed by Governor Patrick on August 5, 2014. This legislation will have a significant impact for the entire autism community. Details on the bill can be found here <http://www.afamaction.org/> One of the key provisions is health insurance coverage for medically necessary treatments to MassHealth recipients under 21 years old for ABA therapy and AAC devices per the following:

Subject to the availability of federal financial participation, the division shall cover medically necessary treatments for persons younger than 21 years old who are receiving medical coverage under this chapter and who are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist. If federal funds are available to the commonwealth, said coverage shall include, but shall not be limited to, services for applied behavior analysis supervised by a board certified behavior analyst and dedicated and non-dedicated augmentative and alternative communication devices, including, but not limited to medically necessary tablets.

We are extremely excited about the potential this will have to help individuals and families with autism access treatment. **As of this time, the details and timeframe for implementation are still being worked out.** When more information becomes available we will be posting updates, distributing information, and providing support. In the meantime, if you have any specific questions, please feel free to email us at info@disabilityinfo.org or contact us at 1-800-642-0249, or 774-455-4056

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