



02-450: Autism Specialist – URL <https://home.eease.adp.com/recruit/?id=11362111>

Job Description

The Autism Specialist is responsible for the coordination and utilization management of autism services across a variety of plans statewide and nationally. This position will be a resource for internal and external customers and will be knowledgeable of autism benefits as they relate to state specific requirements. This position will work closely with Beacon's clinical staff as well as clinical staff at the health plan.

Responsibilities

- Determines appropriate level of care related to the treatment of autism for members based on Beacon's medical necessity criteria.
- Proposes alternative plans of treatment when requests for services do not meet medical necessity criteria
- Provides information to members and providers regarding autism benefits, services and community treatment resources
- Review BCBA Assessments and treatment plans submitted by providers to ensure care coordination and appropriateness of care.
- Provide consultation to BCBA network providers to support treatment planning and maximize member progress.
- Interacts with Physician Advisors to discuss clinical/authorization questions and concerns regarding specific cases
- Act as a liaison with parents and the health care community to ensure continuum of care and support for members.
- Participate in quality improvement activities.
- Assists with NCQA, URAC and other QI initiatives
- Assist with special projects and administrative tasks as assigned.
- Perform other duties as required

Requirements

A staff providing utilization review services will have the following:

- Current, valid, Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) certification for practice required with proof on date of hire. Re-verification will take place no less than every 3 years.
 - A minimum of 3 years' experience providing services to members with autism spectrum disorders.
 - Knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders and other child and adolescent behavioral health conditions
 - Understanding of the principles of applied behavioral analysis for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders
 - Knowledge of Beacon's level of care criteria for ABA services
 - Strong verbal and written communication skills
 - Ability to interact with providers, health plans, and families in a professional, respectful, collaborative manner that facilitates the treatment process and manages the connection to appropriate treatment resources and services
 - Ability to comply with Beacon's standards for documentation of clinical information, clinical contacts, and authorization of care
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