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Subject:	Autism Expansion – Phase I
Provision of Service Affected:	Autism Benefit for Children Under 21 Years of Age
Approved codes:	H2019 U5, S5108 U5 H2019 U5 HN, S5108 U5 HN H2019 GT, S5108 GT H2019 GT HN, S5108 U5 HN S5111 U5 S5111 U5 TT
Guidance Usage:	

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide for the coverage of Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) services, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), for children under 21 years of age with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The use of the following codes are for use in the observation and supervision of the Behavior Technicians and for training of parents and/or families in the ABA interventions.

When submitting the encounter and/or claim, all criteria for submission must be followed. Failure to follow the criteria will result in the denial and/or rejection of the encounter and/or claim by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

Background:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received approval from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services on the state plan amendment for the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), to cover services for children under 21 years of age under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

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All children, including children with ASD, must receive EPSDT services that are designed to assure that children receive early detection and preventive care, in addition to medically necessary treatment services to correct or ameliorate any physical or behavioral conditions, so that health problems are averted or diagnosed and treated as early as possible.

Definition:

Telepractice for Behavioral Health Treatment Services: All telepractice services must be prior authorized by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Telepractice is the use of telecommunications and information technologies for the exchange of encrypted patient data for the provision of services. Telepractice must be obtained through real-time interaction between the child's physical location (patient site) and the provider's physical location (provider site). Telepractice services are provided to patients through hardwire or internet connection. It is the expectation that providers, facilitators, and staff involved in telepractice are trained in the use of equipment and software prior to servicing patients. Qualified providers of behavioral health services are able to arrange telepractice services for the purposes of teaching the parents/guardians to provide individualized interventions to their child and to engage in behavioral health clinical observation and direction.

GT Modifier: Telepractice must be obtained through real-time interaction between the child's physical location (patient site) and the provider's physical location (provider site). Telemedicine was provided via video-conferencing face-to-face with the beneficiary. For BHT/ABA telepractice only for S5108 and S5111 pre-authorized by DWMHA and MDHHS.

HN Modifier: For use in the identification of the Bachelor's level clinician who has received a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution conferred in a degree program in which the candidate completed a Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) approved course sequence. The candidate must have a current certification as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) through the BACB. The BACB is the national entity accredited by the NCCA. The BCaBA candidate shall work under the supervision of the BCBA. The candidate is able to provide behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention and behavioral observation and direction of BHT/ABA services. **No other Bachelor's level clinicians will receive authorization to provide these services.**

National Provider Identifier (NPI): The NPI is the result of the mandate in the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) that the Secretary of HHS establish a standard national provider identifier. The NPI is a single identification number that will be issued by the federal government to health care providers. It is intended to improve the efficiency of the health care system and help to reduce fraud and abuse.

For additional information, please submit your questions to procedure.coding@dwmha.com

Attachment: DWMHA Coding Chart (1/11/16)

References: Behavior Analyst Certification Board <http://bacb.com/>; MDHHS Bulletin 15-59; MDHHS Provider Qualifications Chart (1/1/16); MDHHS HCPCS/CPT Grid (1/1/16); AMA CPT Code Manual (2016) and AMA HCPCS Manual (2016).

APPROVED CODES: H2019, S5108 and S5111

Encounter Code to Record the Service	Place of Service Code	Billable Time	Description of Service	Who Delivered the Service
<p>H2019 U5 H2019 U5 GT* H2019 U5 TT ** **TT is Modifier for Multiple Families</p>	<p>POS = 11 – Office 12 – Home GT – Telepractice*</p>		<p>Therapeutic behavioral services direct care</p> <p>Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)/Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services</p> <p>GT: Telepractice was provided via video-conferencing face-to-face with the beneficiary. For BHT/ABA telepractice only for S5108 and S5111 pre-authorized by DWMHA and MDHHS.</p>	<p>Behavior Technician (BT)</p> <p>Must work under the observation and direction of BCBA, BCaBA, LP, LLP, or QBH overseeing the ABA plan and must receive (1) hour of supervision for every (10) hours of treatment</p>
<p>S5108 U5 GT* S5108 U5 AH S5108 U5 AJ S5108 U5 HN S5108 U5 HO S5108 U5 HP S5108 U5 TT ** **Include modifier of Supervisor/Provider degree level</p>	<p>POS = 11 – Office 12 – Home GT – Telepractice*</p>		<p>S5108: Home care training to home care client (observation and direction of behavior technician)</p> <p>GT: Telepractice was provided via video-conferencing face-to-face with the beneficiary and the BT. For BHT/ABA telepractice only for S5108 and S5111 pre-authorized by DWMHA and MDHHS.</p> <p>Qualified providers of behavioral health services are able to arrange telepractice services for the purposes of teaching the parents/guardians to provide individualized interventions to their child and to engage in behavioral health clinical observation and direction. Qualified providers of behavioral health services include Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA), Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA), Licensed Psychologists (LP), Limited Licensed Psychologists (LLP), and Qualified Behavioral Health Professionals (QBHP). The provider of the telepractice service is only able to monitor one child/family at a time.</p>	<p>Supervision of Behavior Technician (BT)</p> <p>GT – Telepractice AH – Clinical Psychologist AJ – Clinical Social Worker HN – Bachelor’s degree level Clinician who is certified as a BCaBA HO – Master’s degree level HP – Doctoral degree level</p> <p>Must provide (1) hour of supervision to the Behavior Technician (BT) for every (10) hours of treatment</p>

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Encounter Code to Record the Service	Place of Service Code	Billable Time	Description of Service	Who Delivered the Service
S5111 U5 GT* S5111 U5 AH S5111 U5 AJ S5111 U5 HN S5111 U5 HO S5111 U5 HP S5111 U5 TT ** **Include modifier of Provider degree level	POS = 11 – Office 12 – Home GT – Telepractice*		Family Training on the Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)/Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services GT: Telepractice was provided via video-conferencing face-to-face with the beneficiary and families. For BHT/ABA telepractice only for S5108 and S5111 pre-authorized by DWMHA and MDHHS.	GT – Telepractice AH – Clinical Psychologist AJ – Clinical Social Worker HN – Bachelor’s degree level Clinician who is certified as a BCaBA HO – Master’s degree level HP – Doctoral degree level

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STAFF QUALIFICATIONS / RESPONSIBILITIES

ELEMENT	PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
AH	<p>Clinical Psychologist</p> <p>For the BHT/ABA services individuals must be a BCBA or BCaBA or Psychologist working within their scope of practice with extensive knowledge and training on behavior analysis and BCBA certified by 9/30/2020.</p> <p>References to "psychologist" in this chart and in the Medicaid Provider Manual mean a psychologist who is fully-licensed, limited-licensed or temporary limited-licensed by the State of Michigan.</p>
AJ	<p>Clinical Social Worker</p> <p>Hold a minimum of a master's degree in a mental health-related field or a BACB approved degree category from an accredited institution who is trained and has one year of experience in the examination, evaluation, and treatment of children with ASD. Must be BCBA certified by 9/30/2020. Works within their scope of practice and have extensive knowledge and training in behavior analysis.</p>
BT	<p>Behavior Technician</p> <p>For BHT/ABA services, Behavior Technicians must also complete training in the curriculum outline in the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) task list, but are not required to register with the BACB upon completion in order to furnish services.</p>
HN	<p>Bachelor's Level Clinician – must be certified as a BCaBA</p> <p>Hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution conferred in a degree program in which the candidate completed a BACB approved course sequence. Current certification as a BCaBA through the BACB. Can provide services in behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention and behavioral observation and direction under the supervision of the BCBA.</p>

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<p>HO</p>	<p>Master's Degree Level provider of BHT/ABA observation and direction of BHT/ABA service.</p> <p>CMHP: For the BHT/ABA services individuals must be a BCBA or BCaBA or Psychologist working within their scope of practice with extensive knowledge and training on behavior analysis and BCBA certified by 9/30/2020.</p> <p>QBHP: Must meet one of the following:</p> <p>Must be a physician or licensed practitioner with specialized training and one year of experience in the examination, evaluation, and treatment of children with ASD.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hold a minimum of a master's degree in a mental health-related field or a BACB approved degree category from an accredited institution who is trained and has one year of experience in the examination, evaluation, and treatment of children with ASD. Must be BCBA certified by 9/30/2020.</p>
<p>HP</p>	<p>Doctoral Degree Level provider of BHT/ABA observation and direction of BHT/ABA service.</p> <p>CMHP: For the BHT/ABA services individuals must be a BCBA or BCaBA or Psychologist working within their scope of practice with extensive knowledge and training on behavior analysis and BCBA certified by 9/30/2020.</p> <p>QBHP: Must meet one of the following:</p> <p>Must be a physician or licensed practitioner with specialized training and one year of experience in the examination, evaluation, and treatment of children with ASD.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Hold a minimum of a master's degree in a mental health-related field or a BACB approved degree category from an accredited institution who is trained and has one year of experience in the examination, evaluation, and treatment of children with ASD. Must be BCBA certified by 9/30/2020.</p>