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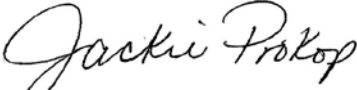
NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division  
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**Policy Subject:** Coverage of Autism Services for Children Under 21 Years of Age

**Affected Programs:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild

**Distribution:** Practitioners, Local Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Medicaid Health Plans, Tribal Health Centers, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, Community Mental Health Services Programs

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**Purpose:** This policy will update bulletin MSA 15-59 regarding EPSDT autism coverage.

# Proposed Policy Draft

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In addition to the education and training requirements indicated by bulletin MSA 15-59, the QBHP may hold a master’s degree in a Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) approved degree category from an accredited institution.

The DD-CGAS is to be utilized in place of the Clinical Global Impression Severity Scale as follows:

- The rating of symptom severity during the comprehensive diagnostic evaluation must be performed by a qualified licensed practitioner utilizing the DD-CGAS.
- The determination of eligibility for BHT must be performed by a qualified licensed practitioner through direct observation utilizing the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule-Second Edition (ADOS-2) and the DD-CGAS to rate symptom severity.
- An annual re-evaluation by a qualified licensed practitioner to assess eligibility criteria must be conducted through direct observation utilizing the ADOS-2 and symptoms rated using the DD-CGAS.