

## **Behavioral Therapies Funding Options**

Behavioral Therapies are not new to Medicaid and services have been available to members who meet certain criteria in special programs. The benefit was recently extended to all members 20 and under. Below you will find a funding chart to help make funding and PAR decisions based on programs and diagnosis (dx):

<b>Payment Source</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Private Primary Insurance	Dependent on the criteria of the private insurance plan	Per Medicaid rules and regulations, private insurance must be accessed prior to requesting services from any Medicaid program – including waivers and EPSDT. Please visit the Medicaid Provider Bulletin dated 4/2015 for more information on when a member can be billed and why
Children With Autism Waiver (CWA)	Must have a dx of Autism and under the age of 6	If a child already has services from the waiver, services should continue from this payment source
Children’s Extensive Support Waiver (CES)	Anyone who qualifies CES has access to behavioral therapies. You don't need to have a dx of Autism to access services from this waiver	If a child already has services from the waiver, services should continue from this payment source – if the child needs additional services outside of this waiver, please contact the state waiver administrator for assistance
Behavioral Health Organizations (BHO)	Any child who meets their contracted dx and service obligations – does not need to have an Autism dx – can be any mental health dx from which the child could benefit from behavioral therapies	As with all managed care, a request for services must be made to the local BHO. Upon denial, services can then be requested from Medicaid.
Medicaid Managed Care	Any child who meets their contracted dx and service obligations – does not need to have an Autism dx – can be any dx from which the child could benefit from behavioral therapies	As with all managed care, a request for services must be made to the local managed care entity. Upon denial, services can then be requested from Medicaid.
Medicaid (under the EPSDT program)	Any child who meets set criteria for services. Does not require a dx of Autism or a dx of mental health – can be physical health dx as well	Prior Authorization must be requested and approved. Must have appropriate denials from managed care in order to be paid.