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# EPSDT, HCBS-CWA & HCBS-CES Behavioral Therapies

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## **For Case Managers:**

Behavioral Therapy is offered as a benefit under the EPSDT program for children age 20 and under. All Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) eligible children may access the services when medically necessary. The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers for Children with Autism (HCBS-CWA) and Children's Extensive Supports (HCBS-CES) also offer behavioral therapy as a waiver service. If a child is actively enrolled in an HCBS waiver and receiving behavioral therapy through the waiver, they do not have to change providers. Additionally, if a child currently has Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) coverage, they do not have to enroll in an HCBS waiver or get on a waitlist to receive the services as an EPSDT benefit. It is important to fully inform the family of all of the options. Please work with each individual family to help them make a choice that is best for their family.

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