Amendment to Coverage Booklet

For Yale University Managerial & Professional staff, Faculty, Post-Doctoral Associates and Fellows

Effective January 1, 2018, the following changes have been made to your coverage.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy coverage for children with a verified diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

Covered services include applied behavioral analysis (ABA) treatment for members with a verified diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. An approved referral is required.

Treatment will be authorized and managed by Magellan Health Services who will contract with agencies that provide ABA in this area. Authorization will be subject to medical necessity criteria and ongoing review to make sure that the therapy remains necessary and that progress is being made toward identified goals. ABA requires the active involvement of parents or other family members and may take place in home, school or other settings. ABA usually involves more than 20 hours per week of treatment.

Members who are interested can contact Magellan for more information. A referral is not needed, but before ABA is authorized, Magellan will need to verify the diagnosis with a primary care provider (PCP) and/or appropriate consultants who have conducted a diagnostic assessment. These assessments are usually covered under the medical benefit and require an approved referral from the PCP.

This amendment supersedes exclusionary text for ABA found in the coverage booklet.