Initiating Michigan’s Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit for ABA Services

Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP)/Community Mental Health (CMH) referral initiated for Suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

PIHP/CMH’s qualified provider completes diagnostic assessment to determine whether the child has a diagnosis of ASD based upon the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Diagnosis must be made or validated by a Physician/Fully Licensed Psychologist. *ADOS-2 and developmental family history (e.g., *ADI-R) is conducted

Does the child have a diagnosis of ASD and is the child within the target age group?

No

PIHP/CMH access eligibility for other Medicaid and MICHild services

Not eligible for ABA services

Yes

PIHP submits Autism Benefit enrollment to MDCH for determination of eligibility for ABA services using the online portal

MDCH conducts Independent Needs-based Evaluation to determine if the child is eligible for ABA services

No

MDCH Eligibility Determination

Yes

PIHP/CMH qualified providers conduct independent assessment using the *Vineland Adaptive Behavior Assessment and a *Cognitive Assessment. A psychologist recommends hours of ABA services and level of intensity service model EIBI/ABI, based upon Section 6 of the Medical Services Administration Bulletin # MSA 13-09. PIHP/CMH qualified providers conduct behavioral skills assessment using ABLLS-R or VB-MAPP.

PIHP/CMH’s qualified providers use the person centered planning process to develop the Individual Plan of Service with comprehensive ABA treatment plan and authorize all medically necessary services

ABA services are initiated

* Notify PIHP/CMH if child had this assessment completed within the past year

For more Autism Benefit information or to find a local Autism Benefit Coordinator go to: http://michigan.gov/autism/0,4848,7-294-63682_66069---,00.html