



# Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

## Helpful Tips For Submitting Autism Evaluation/ABA Therapy Prior Authorization Request For Apple Health (Medicaid) Effective July 1, 2015

As you are aware, effective July 1, 2015, the ABA benefit will be transitioned from the Health Care Authority to Molina Healthcare for its Medicaid beneficiaries. Molina requires prior authorization for the initial autism evaluation at a Center of Excellence (COE) as well as for ABA therapies. We are sending this notice to provide you with some additional guidelines in submitting your prior authorization requests for these services.

Clinical notes are required for review and approval of your authorization request. Submitting the clinical notes is recommended to receive a timely and accurate decision.

### **Autism Evaluations:**

- Must be performed at an approved COE
- Member needs to be less than 21 years of age
- Member must have a suspected diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder

Prior authorization is required for an autism evaluation to confirm the above criteria are met. Please fax your authorization requests to Molina at (800) 767-7188.

Please fax all completed autism evaluations to Molina at (800) 767-7188 Attention: Case Management.

### **ABA Therapy:**

- Initial functional assessment and care plan development do not require prior authorization
- ABA therapy requires prior authorization. Please fax your authorization request along with the following information to (800) 767-7188
  - Copy of the COE evaluation (completed within the last 3 years)
  - Prescription for ABA services
  - BCBA assessment
  - Functional analysis and treatment plan

### **Forms:**

- For our prior authorization forms, please see our provider website at:  
<http://author.molinahealthcare.com/providers/wa/medicaid/forms/Pages/fuf.aspx>

Case management services will be available for all members. For case management questions or concerns, please contact Molina's ABA Program at (800) 869-7175 Ext. 147183 or email us at [aba@molinahealthcare.com](mailto:aba@molinahealthcare.com)

As always our goal is to provide you with excellent customer service. We will continue our commitment to provide high quality support and services to our provider network. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Provider Services Representative at (800) 869-7175 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued service to Molina Healthcare members.