In July 2014 the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS) issued guidance directing states to offer services to children as a regular Medicaid Service under the Early Period Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) provision for children under 21 years of age with an Autism Diagnosis.

Prior to this guidance to receive Autism Services a child had to qualify for the Intellectual Disability Developmental Delay (IDDD) and the services were provided as Intensive Active Treatment (IAT).

In Alaska, the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) was the Division selected to develop regulations and oversee these services.

Effective date: **July 1st, 2018.**
Autism services means among others: the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior.

Types of services:
- Initial behavior identification assessment;
- Behavior identification re-assessment;
- Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol;
- Group adaptive treatment by protocol;
- Family adaptive treatment guidance and;
- Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol modification.
AUTISM SERVICES SETTINGS

- Autism services may be provided in the following settings:
  - The recipient’s home, school, and community;
  - The behavior analyst’s office;
  - An outpatient clinic;
  - Another appropriate community setting.
SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018

- The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) developed and implemented regulations for autism services.
- Autism Services effective date of July 1st, 2018.
- DBH developed training materials (PowerPoint, WebEx, FAQ’s) to providers.
- DBH enrolled group practices (six) as well as Autism Behavior Technicians (two dozens).
- Group practices ranging locations from Anchorage, Eagle River-Chugiak, Palmer to Fairbanks.
- Medicaid section has promptly informed providers as to any available resources and trainings (Listserv).
- DBH has relayed a Guidance Document on the 72 hours contemporaneously documentation as well as trainings.
AUTISM SERVICES PROVIDER TYPES

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®)
- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA®)
- Autism Behavior Technician (ABT)
# Autism Services and Rates

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RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY

In addition to meeting general eligibility requirements for Medicaid services, the recipient must:

- Be under 21 years of age;
- Have a qualifying diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Provide documentation completed by a licensed behavior analyst that includes a recipient assessment.

The assessment must establish the presence of functional impairments, delays in communication, behavior, or social interaction, or repetitive or stereotyped behaviors;

Establishes that the recipient’s identified impairments, delays, or behaviors adversely affect normal child growth and development, or communication or both.
**AUTISM SERVICES AND OTHER MEDICAID SERVICES**

- A child may receive Autism Services and the following other services:
  - Behavioral Health Clinic Services (i.e. Psychotherapy, Psychological Testing, Medication Management);
  - Home and Community Based Waiver Services;
  - Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapy;
  - Medical Services (medical, dental, vision).

- **A child may not** receive Autism Services and the following services:
  - Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (i.e. Peer Support, Therapeutic Behavioral Health Support and Recipient Support Services).
RESOURCES

- Documentation regulations Division of Behavioral Health
  HTTP://WWW.LEGIS.STATE.AK.US/BASIS/AAC.ASP#7.135.010
- Provider enrollment: www.medicaidalaska.com
- How to become a Medicaid behavioral health provider:
  HTTP://WWW.LEGIS.STATE.AK.US/BASIS/AAC.ASP#7.70.010
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available (Division of Health Care Services website).
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