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CenCal Health Behavioral Health Department Technical Assistance

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Agenda

- Covered Services under Medi-Cal
- Individualized Requests
- Care Coordination with Schools



Covered Services

Medi-Cal does not cover the following as BHT services under the EPSDT benefit:

1. Services rendered when clinical benefit is not expected, unless the services are determined to be Medically Necessary.
2. Provision or coordination of respite, day care, or educational services, or reimbursement of a parent, legal guardian or legally responsible person for costs associated under the behavioral treatment plan.
3. Treatment where the sole purpose is vocationally or recreationally based.
4. Custodial care
5. Services, supplies, or procedures performed in a non-conventional setting including but not limited to, resorts, spas, and camps.
6. Services rendered by a parent or legal custodian.
7. Services that are not evidenced-based behavioral interventions.

Member Specific Treatment Plans



Medi-Cal requires that treatment plans are **individualized**, member centric, have developmentally appropriate goals and are socially significant.



Reviewers may be reaching out to obtain **additionally information** on the intent and developmentally appropriateness of goals as part of our required reviews.

Treatment Requests and Hours

Enhanced ABA Treatment (Requests for treatment hours 25+) can include a narrative that focuses on:

Clinical justification of the rigor, intensity, or frequency of treatment goals based on the standardized assessment results

Comprehensive versus focused plans

Global deficiency of functioning based on assessment measures

Tact versus a Target goal



Collaboration with Schools (LEA)

Medi-Cal requires that Managed Care Plans ensures the non-duplication of services. Please ensure to submit IEPs, IFSP, Service Plans, and other educational documents that outline other ABA Services in place including:



Areas of focus/Goal



Servicing Provider

For hours across community settings, please ensure to include in your treatment plan:



Each setting- and what goals will be addressed in the setting



The total hours in each setting

Thank you!

For any questions, please email your
Provider Services Representative or
contact the Behavioral Health
Department at (805) 562-1600



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