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Dear Provider:

Effective July 1, 2012, the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), AccessWV and the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Agency (WVCHIP) began covering services for Autism Spectrum Disorders. In order to document the coverage guidelines and processes, the following documents were developed:

1. **PEIA/AccessWV/WVCHIP Medical Necessity and Benefit Guidelines for Autism Spectrum Disorders Policy** – this document outlines the benefits, medical necessity and coverage criteria for covered and non-covered services;
2. **ABA Services Precertification Form** – this form must be submitted for each patient **prior** to the delivery of services. Please note that this policy requires that all services must be reviewed and authorized prior to the delivery of the services and that if prior authorization is not obtain, then the service will not be covered;
3. An **ABA Services Authorization Form** which will be returned to the provider documenting the status of the requested services; and
4. **PEIA/AccessWV/WVCHIP applied Behavior Analysis Billing and Payment Policy** – this policy documents the covered diagnoses, billing instructions, billing codes and fee allowances.

Because this policy was not provided to you in final form until now, we will waive the prior authorization requirement for services provided through November 9, 2012. All services after this date must be prior authorized or they will be denied.

This information is also available on PEIA's website at [www.wvpeia.com](http://www.wvpeia.com); click on Forms and Downloads, then on PEIA Policies. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact HealthSmart at 888-440-7642.

Sincerely,

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