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ATTENTION: RECIPIENTS OF ALL FLORIDA MEDICAID PLANS

**DUE TO CHANGES TO FL MEDICAID POLICY WHICH CREATE BARRIERS TO PROVISION OF
DIRECT ABA SERVICES WITH A BCBA,**

BTEC IS NOT CURRENTLY ABLE TO INITIATE SERVICES WITH NEW MEDICAID CLIENTS.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO AID FAMILIES IN ACCESSING CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY FL MEDICAID BEFORE PRE-AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICES WILL BE APPROVED:

1. Doctor's referral for ABA services. The prescription or referral form MUST document a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, MUST list the ICD-10 code F84.0, and MUST be signed by an MD or DO (Medicaid will not accept referrals signed by ARNPs or PAs).
2. A signed Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation report. *Please note that Medicaid is very specific as to WHO must conduct diagnostic assessments.
 - Diagnostic evaluation report conducted by one of the following:
 - i. Developmental pediatrician licensed in accordance with Chapter 458 F.S. and certified by the American Board of Pediatrics
 - ii. Clinical Psychologist (PhD level) licensed in accordance with Chapter 490, F.S.
 - iii. Child and Adolescent psychiatrist (MD) licensed in accordance with Chapter 458 F.S. and certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

A Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation (CDE) is a thorough review and assessment of the child's development and behavior using national, evidence-based practice standards, which may include:

- Parent or guardian interview
- Teacher assessment
- Diagnostic testing using tools such as: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) The Childhood Autism Rating Scale – 2nd edition (CARS2) Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised (M-CHAT-R) Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales (CSBS) Autism Diagnostic Interview, Revised (ADI-R) Social Communication Questionnaire Battelle Developmental Inventory– 2nd edition Hearing and vision testing Genetic testing Neurological and/or other medical testing

The CDE must be led by licensed practitioners qualified to assess child developmental disorders such as:

- Developmental Pediatricians
- Child Neurologists
- Child Psychologists
- Child Psychiatrists

If parents are having difficulty finding a provider to perform the CDE, their child's health plan is available to help. Parents can also contact the Agency at 877-254-1055 and we will work with them or their child's plan to find a provider.