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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Providers

FROM: Calder Lynch, Director 
Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care

BY: Kim McClintick, Administrator I

RE: Behavior Modification Services

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, coding and billing staff.

Behavior modification services are available to Medicaid eligible youth through the age of 20 including those with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities effective June 30, 2015. These services include, but are not limited to, applied behavioral analysis, community treatment aid, outpatient therapy, day treatment, and intensive outpatient treatment. Magellan Behavioral Health covers these services for managed care clients and must be billed directly to Magellan Behavioral Health of Nebraska.

To bill for these services, utilize the appropriate codes currently listed on Magellan's outpatient fee schedule. For example, behavior modification services rendered as a component of a 45-minute outpatient individual therapy service would be billed using the appropriate outpatient therapy code (90834). Behavior modification as a component of a 60-minute family therapy session would be billed using 90847. These are simply examples and are not meant to be exclusive. Depending on the specific service rendered, community treatment aid, intensive outpatient and day treatment codes may also be appropriate.

These services are subject to all other Medicaid and Magellan requirements, including medical necessity and prior authorization (if applicable). As with all other Medicaid services, these services must be appropriately documented in the clinical record.

For additional questions regarding this coverage through managed care, contact Magellan by calling 800-424-0333 or visiting their website at <http://www.magellanofnebraska.com>.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Angela Parrish, Behavioral Health Program Specialist, at 402-471-7573 or via email at angela.parrish@nebraska.gov.