

Telehealth update: We're temporarily allowing autism spectrum disorder services for skills training to be performed via telemedicine

During the COVID-19 crisis and until further notice, we're temporarily allowing providers to perform skills training (*97154 and *97158) via telemedicine, for dates of service on or after Nov. 9, 2020.

We updated the following documents to reflect this change:

- *Telehealth for behavioral health providers*
- *Guidelines for autism interventions delivered via telemedicine*
- *Telehealth procedure codes for COVID-19*
- *Temporary changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic*

You can find these documents on our public website at bcbsm.com/coronavirus and through Provider Secured Services.

As a reminder:

- To check whether a member has an autism benefit, follow the instructions on these documents:
 - *Checking Blue Cross eligibility and autism benefits.* To access this document, visit bcbsm.com/providers, log in to Provider Secured Services, click Blue Cross Provider Publications and Resources, click Clinical Criteria & Resources, and click Autism (in the Resources section). Finally, click to open the document.
 - *Checking BCN eligibility and autism benefits on web-DENIS.* To access this document, visit bcbsm.com/providers, log in to Provider Secured Services, click BCN Provider Publications and Resources and click Autism. Finally, click to open the document.
- For authorization requirements related to autism services for various lines of business, refer to the *Summary of utilization management programs for Michigan providers* document.

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