

Provider Notice

To: All IBHS/BHRS/Other Children's Level of Care and Prescribers
From: PerformCare
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The following IBHS information is based on clarifications from OMHSAS.

1. OMHSAS requires FBA training for anyone completing an FBA for children with or without a Dx of ASD. Note that BCBAs are required to obtain FBA training as well if it was not part of BCBA accreditation training. The OMHSAS required FBA training needs to be one of the following:
 - 1.1. On-Line FBA training through Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP). New online training will be available September 2020.
 - 1.2. FBA training through a BCBA credential program offered by a university.
 - 1.3. Past FBA training through Autism Bureau remains valid and additional training is not required.
 - 1.4. The Train the Trainer Model will remain in effect until the end September 2020 and OMHSAS has notified Trainers.
2. IBHS Regulations are Calendar days unless otherwise stated in the Regulations as Business days. This is standard regulation interpretation of days.
3. IBHS Medical Necessity Guidelines (MNG) are in the final review phase and IBHS MNG Bulletin is expected by the end of June 2020.
4. Evaluation times have to follow prescribed service rules. BHRS evaluations are valid for 60 days and can be in Written Order format but can only be written by individuals that meet qualifications to prescribe BHRS. Dual prescriptions (IBHS/BHRS) would need to be within 60 days of IBHS Order or evaluations and can only be completed by individuals that meet qualifications to prescribe BHRS.
5. OMHSAS will issue an updated IBHS FAQ. Release date to be determined by OMHSAS. Providers should refer to OMHSAS IBHS website for current and updated versions. <http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/providers/about/behavioral/inbehavioralhs/index.htm>
In the future, OMHSAS will provide information through bulletins and will begin to phase out the FAQ.
6. OMHSAS is planning an IBHS CRR meeting with CRR work group late summer or early fall 2020. PerformCare's current authorization process for CRR remains in effect which requires a Best Practice Evaluation to prescribe CRR and an ISPT meeting that is facilitated by the PerformCare Care Manager.
7. BSC/BC and MT telephonic billing is not allowable. (Exception is telehealth under COVID-19 guidelines for telephonic consultation. Refer to OMHSAS bulletin and memo regarding telehealth for BHS/IBHS under COVID-19).

8. Continuation of school BHT authorizations need to be prescribed for Extended School (EYS) Year. No change in the current process to request BHT hours on the school seating. COVID-19 protocols should be followed when needed to transfer school/EYS BHT hours to home and community.
9. All BHRS authorizations end 1/17/2021, therefore initial IBHS requests will need to be submitted for all Members transitioning from BHRS to IBHS. It's recommended that all initial IBHS requests for Members currently receiving BHRS are submitted by 12/15/2020.
 - 9.1. For Members currently in service, IBHS assessment registration/authorization is not required. Current BSC/MT should complete the IBHS assessment.
 - 9.1.1. If the current BSC/MT is not appropriately credentialed to be an IBHS BC or MT, the current BHRS provider should follow the IBHS assessment registration process and will receive a separate authorization in order to facilitate completion of the IBHS assessment.
 - 9.2. A valid initial IBHS request includes:
 - 9.2.1. Written Order/BPE
 - 9.2.2. ITP
 - 9.2.3. Assessment (PerformCare requires a FBA for ABA IBHS)
 - 9.2.4. CANS (Capital Members Only)
 - 9.2.5. Note: Provider Choice forms would not be required as Member is already in service

Thank you for your work and commitment to our Members as we collaboratively manage this transition. Questions should be directed to PerformCareProviderRelations@amerihealthcaritas.com

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