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To: IEHP Covered (CCA) Behavioral Health Providers

From: IEHP - Health Services

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Subject: **AB 951 – No Rediagnosis Requirement for Autism/PDD Treatment**

This notice informs you of significant regulatory changes under Assembly Bill (AB) 951, which took effect on January 1, 2026. These changes pertain to behavioral health treatment (BHT) for members diagnosed with a pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

Key requirements of AB 951:

- **Rediagnosis Prohibition:** The Plan cannot require a rediagnosis for members who have a previous diagnosis of a pervasive developmental disorder or autism to continue receiving coverage for related behavioral health treatment.
- **Provider Discretion:** Treating providers are not prohibited or restricted from reevaluating members to determine the appropriate treatment and may choose to prescribe a rediagnosis at their discretion, if the provider is a physician (BPC Ch. 5, §2000–) or psychologist (BPC Ch. 6.6, §2900–)
- **Treatment Plans:** Treatment plans must be submitted to the Plan upon request
- **No Treatment Disruption:** There should be no discontinuation or delay of ongoing treatment while awaiting a rediagnosis.
- **Utilization Review:** The Plan retains the right to require utilization review.

Our Request:

- **Maintain Current Treatment Plans:** Please continue current treatment plans without interruption.
- **Submit Plans as Requested:** Ensure treatment plans are submitted to the Plan upon request
- **Clinically Necessary Reevaluations:** Conduct reevaluations or prescribe rediagnoses only when clinically necessary and within your professional scope

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