



**Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification
Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder
August 1, 2016**

The DSM-5 added a new diagnosis of Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder 315.39 (F80.89). This diagnosis requires that Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has been ruled out. It is most commonly diagnosed and treated by a speech-language pathologist. In the event that a child with Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder is approved for BSC services, the BSC must be a Licensed Psychologist, Licensed Behavior Specialist, Licensed Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or Licensed Professional Counselors and meet all the requirements of a BSC treating a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder to account for the similarities between Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder. This is effective September 27, 2016. Questions regarding this Notice may be directed to Lauren Dellacava at lauren.dellacava@phila.gov or 215-413-8583.