



**Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification
Requesting BSC-ASD Services
August 1, 2016**

CBH received clarification from the Children's Bureau regarding requests for services for children with Autism. When requesting Behavioral Specialist Consultant (BSC) service for a child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis, the request must be for BSC-ASD. If a request is made for BSC (without specifying ASD), CBH will deny the service. BSC and BSC-ASD are different services and children with ASD must be provided a service delivered by staff qualified to treat ASD. For additional information, please see the CMCS Informational Bulletin dated July 7, 2014 and OMHSAS memo dated March 18, 2015. Both documents are attached below for your convenience. 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.

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