

## **Business Rules Implementation – Diagnoses Limits**

The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform providers that the following claims processing edits will be enforced beginning **May 1, 2019**. Several of these were announced in previous messaging from CBH. This Bulletin will serve as a summary of these rules and a reminder of their implementation. These edits will result in the rejection of claims during the adjudication process. These rejections will appear on the 835RA or 277 reports.

### **1. Limits on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnoses (Originally in CBH Bulletin #18-04)**

The following CBH Levels of Care **require** an ASD diagnosis on claims in order to be paid. A list of acceptable ASD diagnoses can be found at the end of this Bulletin. See #2 (“Allowance of Using F80.89...”) below for one exception.

- 400-95 BSC-ASD – CPT Code H0046 and an HO Info Modifier Code
- 400-36 FBA-ASD – CPT Code H0046 with an HO Info Modifier Code

The following CBH Levels of Care may **NOT** have an ASD diagnosis on claims in order to be paid.

- 400-3 BSC-Non-ASD – CPT Code H0032 with an HO Info Modifier Code
- 400-37 FBA-Non-ASD – CPT Code H0032 and an HO Info Modifier Code

Note that, for now, the following CBH Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Levels of Care may be billed with either an ASD or Non-ASD Diagnosis.

- 400-113 ABA-BSC – CPT Code H0046 with an HO Pricing Modifier and an HA Info Modifier Code
- 400-114 ABA-BSC-BCBA – CPT Code H0046 with an HO Pricing Modifier and an HA Info Modifier Code
- 400-115 ABA-FBA – CPT Code H0046 with an HO Pricing Modifier and an HA Info Modifier Code

### **2. Allowance of Using F80.89 Social Pragmatic Communication Disorder Diagnosis for Behavioral Specialist Consultant (BSC)-ASD and Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)-ASD Services (Originally in CBH Notification August 1, 2016)**

Per the CBH Notification of August 1, 2016:

#### **Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder**

The DSM-5 added a new diagnosis of Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder 315.39 (F80.89). This diagnosis requires that 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 ASD to account for the similarities between ASD and social (pragmatic) communication disorder. This is effective September 27, 2016.

Ensure that your service requests list BSC-ASD and FBA-ASD for members with this diagnosis.

- 400-95 BSC-ASD – CPT code H0046 and an HO Info Modifier Code
- 400-36 FBA-ASD – CPT code H0046 with an HO Info Modifier Code

### **3. Changes to Allowable Diagnoses (New Message)**

CBH has received guidance from the Commonwealth that the following two diagnoses are not valid ICD-10 Codes. Today's update removes these two diagnoses from the Commonwealth's list of allowable ASD diagnoses, which were previously included in CBH Bulletin #18-04. The list of currently acceptable ASD diagnoses can be found at the end of this Bulletin. These two diagnoses should **not** be used on CBH claims for any level of care:

- F84.1 – Atypical Autism
- F84.4 – Overactive Disorder Associated with Mental Retardation and Stereotyped Movements

### **4. Limits on Use of Diagnosis R69 for Host Homes, Residential Treatment Facility (RTF), and Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) (New Message)**

CBH has received guidance from the Commonwealth that the use of diagnosis code "R69 Illness, Unspecified" is not allowed for certain CBH Levels of Care.

The following CBH Levels of Care may **NOT** have a diagnosis of R69 on claims in order to be paid.

- 400 – BHRS – ANY Service Type
- 450 – Host Homes
- 500 – RTF Accredited, including 1:1 services
- 550 – Non-Accredited RTF, including 1:1 services

Please direct questions regarding this Bulletin to your Claims Analyst.

## ICD-10-CM Acceptable Autism Spectrum Disorders Diagnosis Codes

<b>Diagnosis Code</b>	<b>Diagnosis Label</b>
F84.0	Childhood Autism
F84.2	Rett Syndrome
F84.3	Other Childhood Disintegrative Disorder
F84.5	Asperger's Syndrome
F84.8	Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders
F84.9	Pervasive Developmental Disorder, unspecified

### **Diagnosis Codes No Longer in Use – DO NOT USE ON CLAIMS**

F84.1	Atypical Autism
F84.4	Overactive Disorder Associated with Mental Retardation and Stereotyped Movements