

State of Mississippi

**DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATIONS AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF
MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED**

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services

- A. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 440.60 Other Licensed Practitioners (OLP), the following licensed qualified health care practitioners (QHCP), working within their scope of practice and licensure, may provide Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services:
- a) Licensed Physician,
 - b) Licensed Psychologist,
 - c) Mental Health Nurse Practitioner,
 - d) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW),
 - e) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), or
 - f) Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).
- B. The following unlicensed practitioners may provide ASD services under the supervision of a QHCP:
- a) A Board Certified assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) who has a current and active certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and is licensed by the Mississippi Board of Autism to practice under the supervision of a MS licensed BCBA, or
 - b) A Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) who has a current and active certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and who is under the direct supervision and direction of a BCBA or BCaBA.
- C. The state assures that:
- a) Supervision is included in the state's scope of practice act for the licensed practitioners,
 - b) Licensed practitioners assume professional responsibility for the services provided by the unlicensed practitioners,
 - c) Licensed practitioners are able to furnish the services being provided, and
 - d) Licensed practitioners bill for the services provided by the unlicensed practitioners.

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Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

Reimbursement for non-Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services to Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), and Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries is the lesser of the usual and customary charge or based on ninety percent (90%) of the most recent final Medicare fee schedule published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as of April 1 each year and effective July 1 and updated annually.

The Division of Medicaid reimburses ASD services in accordance with the most recent publication of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) ©American Medical Association. Reimbursement for ASD service codes is the lesser of the usual and customary charge or a rate calculated by an actuarial firm based on Division of Medicaid anticipated mix of providers delivering each service, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage and benefit information, provider overhead cost estimates, and annual hours at work and percentage of work time that is billable. The rates are updated annually based on changes in the seasonally adjusted health care and social assistance compensation for civilian workers as reported by BLS on July 1 and are effective for services provided on or after July 1.

Rates for ASD services are the same for private and governmental providers and are published on the Division of Medicaid's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#.12>