



Connecticut BHP

Supporting Health and Recovery

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR NON-COVERED SERVICE

DATE: June 6, 2011

TO:



FROM : The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership
Denials and Appeals Department
500 Enterprise Drive, Suite 4D
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
(877) 552-8247

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CTBHP) does not cover all types of services.

Your Provider's Request for Authorization for applied behavioral analysis services is denied because it is not covered by Connecticut's Medicaid program and cannot be authorized by the CTBHP. (Regs. Conn. State Agencies Sec. 17b-262-531(b)). Your provider has asked us to authorize behavioral training services to be performed by an individual without a license (that is, not by a doctor, nurse or licensed counselor etc.). The CTBHP does not cover this type of service by unlicensed providers.

There are also special Medicaid rules regarding medical services for children and youth under the age of 21 known as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). Under these rules, services that can be covered by Medicaid and are ordered by a physician must be provided even if they are not on the list of services that the state usually provides for adults under the state's Medicaid plan. (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396d(r)(5) – the EPSDT "special services" rule).

The services your provider requested are "habilitation" services. This means they are meant to help you get new skills, not to restore skills or abilities that you once had but lost due to an illness or health condition. A habilitation service that is provided by an unlicensed individual cannot be covered under the Medicaid state plan or as an EPSDT special service.

Please see the other side of this notice for information on how to appeal this decision.

Sincerely,

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