

**ADDENDUM**

<b>STATE:</b> Ohio	<b>BUSINESS UNIT:</b> Buckeye Health Plan of Ohio
<b>PRODUCT TYPE:</b> Medicaid	<b>P&amp;P NAME:</b> Applied Behavior Analysis Autism
<b>P&amp;P NUMBER:</b> CP.BH.104	<b>REGULATOR MOST RECENT APPROVAL DATE:</b> Draft

**BACKGROUND:** In compliance with Ohio Medicaid, Buckeye Health Plan must ensure coverage of medically necessary procedures. The plan covers all the services in the amount, duration, and scope that is no less than that covered by FFS Ohio Medicaid and in accordance with 42 CFR 438.210, with limitations, exclusions, and clarifications provided in the Ohio Medicaid Managed Care Provider Agreement and the Ohio Administrative Code.

**PROCEDURE:**

- Buckeye Health Plan will not impose hard limits or restrictions on coverage of medically necessary services.
- Prior to making a determination regarding coverage of services and procedures, Buckeye Health Plan will conduct a medical necessity review for all requests to include non-covered services and any request for services over an established benefit(s).
- Requests for ABA therapy should not be implemented with hard limits but will be reviewed on a case by case basis for medical necessity and will ensure there are no hard limits for children
- Buckeye Health Plan will ensure members under age 21 have access to services that are available in accordance with federal EPSDT requirements found at 42 U.S.C. 1396d(r). This would include medically necessary services covered by Ohio Medicaid as well as any medically necessary screening, diagnostic and treatment services available to Ohio Medicaid consumers.
- Providers can request prior authorization to exceed coverage or benefit limits for members under age 21.

**REFERENCES:**

- Ohio Administrative Code 5160-26-03 Managed healthcare programs- covered services
- Ohio Administrative Code 5160-26-03-1 Managed health care programs: primary care and utilization management
- Ohio Administrative Code 5160-1-14 EPSDT
- 42 U.S.C. 1396d(r)- EPSDT