Behavior Analysis Services
April 30, 2018
Phase 2 Vendor Transition Webinar
Phase 1 Results
• 4 Quality Checks - Understanding what we see

Documentation for Phase 2
• 4 Clinical Tools - “Paint the Picture” for eQHealth

Phase 2 PA Review Process
• 4 Point Process - Intake, Clinical Review, Outcomes & Expectations

Pend Process
• 4 Opportunities - How we get more information from you
Effective March 26, 2018, PA requests for Behavior Analysis services transitioned to eQHealth Solutions, Phase 1 began. Phase 2 begins May 1, 2018.

• Full clinical review of all BA request submitted on or after May 1.

Important Reference Resources

• Florida Medicaid Behavior Analysis Service Coverage Policy
• Florida Medicaid Authorization Requirements Policy
• Rule 59G-1.054 Recordkeeping and Documentation Requirements
• eQHealth Behavior Analysis Provider Manual
• eQHealth Solutions website; FAQs, How To Guides
Providers can submit authorization requests online through our web portal we call “eQSuite®”, located at: https://flwebapps.eqhs.org/webportal/login.aspx

If you cannot access our web system, you may submit authorization requests to us by fax at 855-440-3747

eQHealth will not be accepting any authorization requests for dates of service prior to February 1, 2018.

Additional Updates and Training material will be posted to our provider website www.fl.eqhs.org
Submitting your authorization via fax

You can locate the authorization form on our website fl.eqhs.org under the Forms & Downloads tab.

The review entry turn around time is 3 business days from the receipt of the request.

Once an approval has been issued, a PA# will be generated within 24-48 hours.

To check the status of the review and/or to obtain a copy of the authorization letter, you can contact our Customer Service Department.
Submitting your authorization on eQSuite®

- 24/7 accessibility to submit authorization requests with real-time approval notification
- A helpline module for Providers to submit questions
- A reporting module that allows real-time status of all reviews, access to letters and authorization numbers
- Secure transmission protocols that are HIPPA security compliant
- System access control for changing or adding authorized users.
- Electronic submission and Provider Alerts
How to access eQSuite®

New Users:
You will need to complete and submit an access form.

✓ Once received and entered you will receive an email confirmation with your user name and password.

System Administrator:
✓ The person assigned will be responsible keeping all user accounts updated. (Email address/phone numbers etc.)
✓ You will have the ability to create additional User Accounts.
✓ Keeping all users informed of any updates or notifications sent from eQHealth.

Behavior Analysis - Request for eQSuite® Access

All information must be complete for processing

NOTICE: It is important to notify us immediately when contacts change to ensure effective and timely communications.
Check here if this is a request for a change in previously submitted contact information.

Return Completed and Signed Forms
Attention: Provider Outreach
Fax: 855-440-3747
Email: provideroutreach@eqhs.org

Provider Name:

Mailing Address:

Provider Medicaid Number: Provider Type: NPI:

Handwritten forms cannot be accepted

Contact Type | Contact Name (First & last name) | Email Address (required) | Telephone Number
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System Administrator |

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OR CEO

Administrator or CEO (PLEASE PRINT NAME & TITLE)  Signature: __________________________
Date: __________________________
Quality Check #1

The most common quality concern during Phase 1, was entering the from and through dates and calculating total units for services on the “Items” grid.

A brief review of the services codes, how to submit the request to eQHealth, and how calculate units.
# Allowable HCPCS Codes

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If you need to make a modification to an authorization request, please contact our Customer Service Department.
Start Tab

Provider ID:
This information will be automatically entered by the system, based on your User login

Review Type:
➢ Admission: New prior authorization Request to eQHealth
➢ Note: The very first review entered into eQSuite must be for an assessment or re-assessment.
➢ Continued Stay: Continuation of services approved by eQHealth

Recipient ID: Once you enter the recipient ID the Name/DOB and gender will automatically populate.

Referring provider: You will need to enter the Physicians Medicaid ID#
DX Codes Tab

When entering the diagnosis, please make sure not use a decimal point.

**Example:**
DX Code F06.2 must be entered F062

**NOTE:**
Florida Medicaid BA Services Coverage Policy Section 8.4,
“Providers must report the most current and appropriate diagnosis code to the highest level of specificity that supports medical necessity, as appropriate for this service.”

It is not the policy of eQHealth Solutions to advise clinicians on questions concerning assignment of diagnosis codes

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HCPCS Codes

- When entering your HCPS code please make sure it is a code that requires prior authorization.
- You can find the list of codes on our provider website FL.EQHS.ORG

- **Code:**
  Enter HCPCS Code-
  *Assessment codes cannot be on the same review as service codes.*

- **Modifier:**
  Mod 1 = Select “BA”
  Mod 2 = Enter if applicable.

- **From/Thru Date:**
  Enter the start and end date of services.

- **Total Units:**
  Enter Total Units
  (For service codes, 1 Unit=15 min)

Once you have entered all of the fields click **Add**

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Authorizations for Codes H0031/H0032

- Authorization requests for H0031 or H0032 must be made separate of request for authorizations of service codes (H2012/H2014/H2019)
- The authorizations for Assessments & Reassessments are only applicable for codes H0031 or H0032
- An Assessment or Reassessment authorization must be requested with eQHealth before submitting an authorization request for service codes (H2012/H2014/H2019)
### Transition Authorizations for Codes H2012/H2014/H2019

- eQHealth will approve up to 20 combined hours (80 units) a week without additional clinical information.
- The transition authorizations will be valid for a period of 30 days from the requested start date of services.
- This transitional process ends May 1, 2018.
- **Reminder there must be an Assessment or Reassessment authorization request submitted to eQHealth before requesting authorization of codes H2012/H2014/H2019**
Phase 2 starts May 1, 2018

• Full clinical review is required for new (admission) or continuance (continued stay) requests.
• When medical necessity is met, eQHealth can authorize up to AHCA policy limit, for a 180 day period. Ref: Florida Medicaid BA Coverage Policy 4.2.2 & 7.2
• When a request does not meet medical necessity, eQHealth can reduce the requested service (partial denial) or issue a full clinical denial. Ref: Florida Medicaid Authorization Requirements Policy 3.0
Behavior Analysis Services Phase 2  
May 1, 2018

eQHealth Clinical Review Team

First Level Reviewers – practitioners who are qualified as a lead analyst in accordance with Section 3.2 of Rule 59G-4.125, FAC.

- Apply AHCA guidelines and criteria
- May request additional information – “Pend”
- Approve services based on AHCA policies and clinical based standards of care
- Refer requests that cannot be approved to a second level reviewer

Second Level Reviewers – BCBA-D

- May contact the requesting, ordering or treating provider to obtain additional information - “Pend”
- Approve All Services
- Partially Deny Services
- Fully Deny Services
The most common reason that request are pended for additional information, reduced in requested units, or clinically denied:

• Provider did not “Paint the Picture”

We can only see, what YOU TELL US.
Phase 2 Clinical tools to paint with

Comprehensive Evaluation Information
- Recipient currently engages in maladaptive behavior
- Maladaptive behavior interferes with daily function
- Florida Medicaid BA Policy Appendix 9.0

**Specific Diagnosis**
- Florida Medicaid BA Services Coverage Policy Section 8.4
- No code list will be provided by AHCA or eQHealth

**Behavior Support Plan – Florida Medicaid BA Coverage Policy Appendix 9, Section 2**
- Maladaptive Behavior clearly defined
- GOALS: Realistic, Measurable, and Achievable.
NOTE: Florida Medicaid BA Services Coverage Policy Section 8.4

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• Provider FAQ: Will eQHealth provide a list of diagnosis codes for applicable BA Services?
  • Answer – No.
Answering these questions gives a “sketch” of the recipient

- Examples of the questions are presented below.
- Some questions require answers.

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<th>Answer Type</th>
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<td>Has the child received behavior analysis services from your organization in the past 0-6 months?</td>
<td>Y/N</td>
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<td>Has the child received behavior analysis services from a different organization in the past 0-6 months?</td>
<td>Y/N/ Unknown</td>
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<td>How long was the child on a wait list prior to scheduling the assessment?</td>
<td>Select one</td>
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<td>The child was not on a wait list</td>
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<td>Has the child has been diagnosed with a condition for which behavior analysis services are recognized as therapeutically appropriate?</td>
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Clinical Tool 3
eQSuite- Summary Tab

The summary tab will allow you to add any additional information you may need to add to your submission.

Once you are done you will click on “Submit for Review”
Clinical Tool 4
Supporting Documentation

Required Documents:

Assessment Request

- Physician written order, AND one of the following:
  - Comprehensive Diagnostic report with ICD10 code, OR
  - Documented evidence of significant challenging behavior(s) interfering with normal functioning
Clinical Tool 4
Supporting Documentation

Required Documents:

First Request for Service Codes - H2012/H2014/H2019

• Assessment
• Individualized Behavior Support/Intervention Plan
  Signed & Dated by Author and Parent/Caregiver
  • (BACB Best Practice – Care coordination with ordering physician)
Clinical Tool 4
Supporting Documentation

Required Documents:

Reassessment Request

6 month Progress Report/Treatment Plan Update with narrative description of changes and trends for all target behaviors and treatment plan goals (short and long-term goals) outlined in the initial treatment plan, PLUS:

- Graphs of progress for all problem behaviors targeted for reduction in treatment, AND
- Graphs of progress for all replacement, alternative or desired behaviors targeted for increase in treatment plan, AND
- Graphs of intervention integrity measures for all relevant family members, caretakers, and/or Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT)

Identification of any new goals for treatment

Recommendations for procedural modifications or additions/changes to treatment plan; including a plan for fading and/or generalizing (transferring) the successful intervention to other persons, settings, and conditions
Clinical Tool 4
Supporting Documentation

Required Documents

Subsequent (Continuance) Request for Service Codes - H2012/H2014/H2019

Progress Report/Treatment Plan Update with info on changes for all plan goals outlined in initial plan.

Graphs of progress on acquisition targets/replacement & alternative behaviors.

Identification of any new goals for treatment.

Recommendations for procedural modifications or additions/changes to plan.
Clinical Tool 4
Supporting Documentation

eQSuite® has a function providers can use to upload or fax supporting documentation
Behavior Support Plans

- During Phase 1 review, many of the Behavior Support Plans lacked the requirements detailed in Florida Medicaid Behavior Analysis Coverage Policy Appendix 9.0 Section 2.c
- Maladaptive behavior not well defined in the assessments, Appendix 9.0 Section 2.b.i
- Assessments or Reassessments are often older than 6 months.
- Graphs are often not present or lack important data points, such as X and Y Axis.

Quality Check #3
A Behavior Support Plan can be in your format or template, remember the requirements (Policy Appendix 9.0 Section 2.c), or

- Access the eQHealth Behavior Support Plan Form on our website
- The eQHealth Behavior Support Plan Form is an optional form not a required form
Four Tools to Paint The Picture

- Specific Diagnosis Code
  - (Policy Section 8.4)
- Clinical Info Tab – Answer the questions
  - (Snapshot)
- Summary Tab
  - (Extra Space for more info)
- Supporting Documents
  - (Behavior Support Plan, Policy Appendix 9.0 Section 2.c)
If you submit a request with inadequate or ambiguous information, we will request additional information.

- eQHealth Pend Process - Is used to request either additional:
  - Administrative Information
  - Clinical Information
  - Or Both
Pend Process

Intake
- Administrative Pend

First Level Reviewer
- Administrative Pend
- Clinical Pend

Second Level Reviewer
- Clinical Pend
Important Pend Tips

- Avoid Pends by using all 4 Clinical Tools to “Paint the Picture”
- If pended, answer quickly – you have (2) two business days to respond to the request.
- While the review is pended for information the timeline to complete the request is also pended.
eQSuite® has a function providers can use to respond to pend request
Pend Process Summary

Remember this…

- eQHealth can use up to 4 pends to get the information needed
- Avoid Pends by using 4 Clinical Tools
- 2 Business Days to respond to pends
- Review timeline is pended during pend process
First Level Reviewer

- Approve the requested service, or
- Refer to Second Level Reviewer

Second Level Reviewer

- Approve the requested service
- Partial Deny (Some Units approved/Some Units Denied)
- Clinical Denial (All Services Denied)
Second Level Reviewer

- Decision Making Tools
- Criteria
- Clinical Training & Expertise
- Clinical Judgement
- Will attempt to have a peer-to-peer discussion before making a denial decision
Review Outcome

Approval Determination

• Medically necessary service codes can be approved for up to 180 days

Adverse Determination

• Occurs when any portion of requested services is denied by a second level reviewer for a clinical reason.
• Providers, ordering physicians, recipients, parent/legal guardians can request another review:
  • Reconsiderations
    • Another look at the review by a different eQHealth Solutions SLR (not involved in the original denial)
    • Available when eQHealth Solutions issues a clinical denial
  • Denial notifications have specific instructions for requesting reconsiderations
  • Fair Hearing
    • If a reconsideration is upheld or modified (partially approved), **ONLY** the recipient, parent/legal guardian may request a fair hearing of the determination
    • Administrative appeals must be requested in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the reconsideration notification date
    • ACHA performs the Fair Hearing
➢ When you are logged into eQsuite click on the “Letters” tab.

➢ Once you have entered the Review ID number, click “Search”

➢ Once the review has generated you will click on “View Review Letters”

➢ The PA# will generate within 24-48 hours of the request being approved.

Note: If you faxed over your authorization request, you will not be able to view the letter on eQSuite. You will only be able to view the letter on eQSuite if you submitted your request online.
eQSuite® has a function providers can use to request a reconsideration.
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<td><strong>Modification Review</strong></td>
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<td>• Authorization due to change in the recipient’s status necessitates an increase in services.</td>
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## Timeliness Expectations – eQHealth to complete reviews

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### Timeliness Expectations – Outcome Notifications

#### Approvals
- Within 1 business day of our receipt of the PA number from the fiscal agent.
- Generally 2 business days

#### Adverse Determinations
- Within 1 business day of the determination.

#### Notifications
- Sent by US Mail
- Available on eQSuite®
- Contact Customer Service if you need the notice resent to you
Outcome Notifications – Approval

Letters will contain the PA Number

The PA Number is a 10 digit number that begins with the number 5.

The PA number comes from the Fiscal Agent.

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Outcome Notifications – Denial & Partial Denial

Letters will contain important elements

Rule 59G-1.010(166) FAC standard

Principle Reason

Clinical Rationale

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NOTICE OF OUTCOME

Dear Provider:

eQHealth Solutions is the Quality Improvement Organization contracted with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to review Behavior Analysis services provided to Medicaid recipients in the State of Florida. Under this contract, clinical and peer reviewers assure that Medicaid medical care meets medical necessity guidelines.

We received a request for review of the services listed below for the above referenced patient to determine if such services are appropriate.

A peer reviewed the request and based on the information submitted to us the following items have been approved or denied. Our decision includes the number of units approved or denied in the “Total Units” column.

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The request for services is denied in whole or in part because they are not medically necessary as defined in Rule 59G-1.010(166), Florida Administrative Code. Specifically, the requested services are not medically necessary under the following standard(s):

- TEXT
- Principle Rationale: TEXT
- Clinical Rationale: TEXT
- Date of action is: MM/DD/YYYY

The physician and the recipient/legal guardian were also notified of our decision.
Outcome Notifications – Denial & Partial Denial

Letters will contain important reconsideration information

- Due Date
- “How To” Instructions
- Recipient Fair Hearing Rights

Right to Reconsideration

If you agree with the determination, you may waive reconsideration rights through entry of your agreement in the review within eQSuite.

If you disagree with this determination you, the provider, the recipient or the recipient’s legal guardian, may request a reconsideration.

A request for reconsideration must be submitted to eQHealth before MM/DD/YYYY.

You may submit your request by directly entering it into eQSuite. You may also directly upload any additional information into the review in eQSuite or you may fax the information using the reconsideration bar coded fax cover sheet.

You may submit your request by telephone at 1-855-977-3747 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays). You may also submit your request by faxing a copy of this letter with any additional information to 1-855-677-3747 or mail the request to:

eQHealth Solutions – Florida Division
Attention: Reconsideration
5002 Benjamin Center Drive
Suite 105
Tampa, FL 33634

A reconsideration decision will be made by an eQHealth peer reviewer who will review the case and any additional information submitted. This peer reviewer will be different from the one who made the original denial decision.

If you ask for reconsideration Recipient First & Last Name still has a right to a fair hearing.

Please be aware that this eQHealth Solutions certification determination does not guarantee Medicaid payment for services. Eligibility for and payment of Medicaid services are subject to all terms and conditions and limitations of the Medicaid Program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact customer service at 1-855-444-3747.

Sincerely,
Medical Director Signature
Medical Director Name and Credential
Medical Director,
eQHealth Solutions – Florida Division

Review ID: 2550 Denial

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SUMMARY

Phase 2 – starts 5/1/18 Full clinical review
- PA 4 Step Process Overview
- First and Second Level Reviewers
- Review Outcomes & Expectations
  - Approvals, Denials, Reconsiderations & Fair Hearings
  - Timeliness – Submission, Review, & Notification
- Provider Support Tools
  - 4 Quality Check Points
  - 4 Clinical Tools
  - 4 Pends

4 Quality Check Points
- Calculate Units not hours
- Paint the Picture
  - "We see what you Tell us"
- 4 Clinical Tools
- Behavior Plan
  - Policy Appendix 9.0 Section 2.c
- Lack of Information Pend Process
  - eQHealth can use up to 4 attempts to get information

4 Clinical Tools
- Specific Diagnosis Code
- Policy Section 8.4
- Clinical Info Tab
  - Answer the questions – snapshot view
- Summary Tab
  - Send extra info to reviewers
- Supporting Documents
- Behavior Plans – your format or use eQHealth optional form
- Assessments & Reassessments

4 Pends
- Intake
  - Admin
- First Level Reviewer
  - Admin
  - Clinical
- Second Level Reviewer
  - Clinical
  - (Peer to Peer) before denial
eQHealth Resources

Phone: 855-444-3747
Fax: 855-440-3747
(General inquiries/questions)

Provider Website:
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(Provider Forms/Education and Training Material)

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PR@EQHS.ORG
(Provider Education/Training Assistance)