

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

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Related Benefit Interpretation Policies
• Developmental Delay and Learning Disabilities
• Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health
• Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder
• Rehabilitation Services Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy

Federal/State Mandated Regulations

None

State Market Plan Enhancements

None

Covered Benefits

Important Note: Covered benefits are listed in *Federal/State Mandated Regulations*, *State Market Plan Enhancements*, and *Covered Benefits* sections. Always refer to the *Federal/State Mandated Regulations* and *State Market Plan Enhancements* sections for additional covered services/benefits not listed in this section.

Note: Refer to the member's Evidence of Coverage (EOC)/Schedule of Benefit (SOB) to determine coverage eligibility.

- Medical Management of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) by the member's pediatrician or PCP including the diagnostic evaluation and laboratory monitoring of prescribed drugs
- Referral for consultation and evaluation of individuals with suspected complex developmental and/or behavioral problems for confirmation of diagnosis
- Treatment of any underlying coexistent medical condition (e.g., Tourette's Syndrome, seizure disorder), based on medical necessity
- Specific therapies for the treatment of suspected complex developmental and/or behavioral problems, including speech therapy
- Covered services may also include: non crisis mental health counseling, psychoanalysis, and non-crisis family counseling. Refer to the member's Evidence of Coverage (EOC) for terms and conditions of coverage.
- Behavioral Modification Programs may be covered. Refer to the member's Evidence of Coverage (EOC) for terms and conditions of coverage.

Refer to the Benefit Interpretation Policies titled *Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder* ([OK Members](#), [OR Members](#), [TX Members](#), [WA Members](#)), [Developmental Delay and Learning Disabilities](#), [Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health](#), and [Rehabilitation Services \(Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy\)](#).

Not Covered

Prescription drugs, unless the member has the outpatient supplemental prescription drug benefit.

Definitions

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): ADHD is a neurobiological disability. It is characterized by inattention, impulsive behavior and sometimes hyperactivity inappropriate for age.

Behavior Modification Program: A program that relies on rewarding positive behavior in order to increase the frequency of such behavior. An inappropriate behavior is observed, identified, targeted, and stopped. Meanwhile, a new, appropriate behavior must be identified, developed, and strengthened and maintained. The goal of these programs is to increase acceptable social behavior in various settings.

Learning Disability: A condition which manifests as a significant discrepancy between estimated cognitive potential and actual level of educational performance and which is not a result of generalized intellectual disability, educational or psycho-social deprivation, psychiatric disorder, or sensory loss.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	State(s) Affected	Summary of Changes
08/01/2021	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Routine review; no change to benefit coverage guidelinesArchived previous policy version BIP010.G

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Covered benefits are listed in three (3) sections: *Federal/State Mandated Regulations*, *State Market Plan Enhancements*, and *Covered Benefits*. All services must be medically necessary. Each benefit plan contains its own specific provisions for coverage, limitations, and exclusions as stated in the member's Evidence of Coverage (EOC)/Schedule of Benefits (SOB). If there is a discrepancy between this policy and the member's EOC/SOB, the member's EOC/SOB provision will govern.