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## **Insurance Coverage for Autism and Developmental Disabilities**

Effective February 2010, many NJ health plans are now required to provide coverage for Autism and Developmental Disabilities that was not provided previously.

Required coverages now include:

- \* Coverage for expenses incurred in screening and diagnosing autism or another developmental disability;
- \* Coverage for expenses incurred for medically necessary physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services for the treatment of autism or another developmental disability and;
- \* Coverage for expenses incurred for medically necessary behavioral interventions based on the principles of applied behavioral analysis (ABA) and related structured behavioral programs for treatment of autism in individuals under 21 years old; and
- \* Coverage for the “Family Cost Share” expense incurred for certain health care services obtained through the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS). Eligible expenses are those associated with physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and behavioral interventions based on ABA or related structured behavior services when provided to a child diagnosed with autism or other developmental disability.

**Ask us for further information about this law if you believe your child may be entitled to additional benefits.**