AUTISM INSURANCE COVERAGE IUC SCHOOLS PROVIDING COVERAGE FOLLOW HOUSE BILL 463

HOUESE BILL 463-AUTISM INSURANCE COVERAGE

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**Coverage required by House Bill 463.**

For children under the age of fourteen (14), the following services must be covered at a minimum:

* Speech and language therapy or occupational therapy performed by a licensed therapist, twenty (20) visits per year for each service;
* Clinical therapeutic intervention provided by or under the supervision of a professional who is licensed, certified, or registered by an appropriate agency of this state to perform such services in accordance with a health treatment plan, twenty (20) hours per week;
* Mental or behavioral health outpatient services performed by a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, or physician providing consultation, assessment, development, or oversight of treatment plans, thirty (30) visits per year.

The services in question must be prescribed or ordered by either a developmental pediatrician or a psychologist trained in autism and must have been approved by prior authorization.

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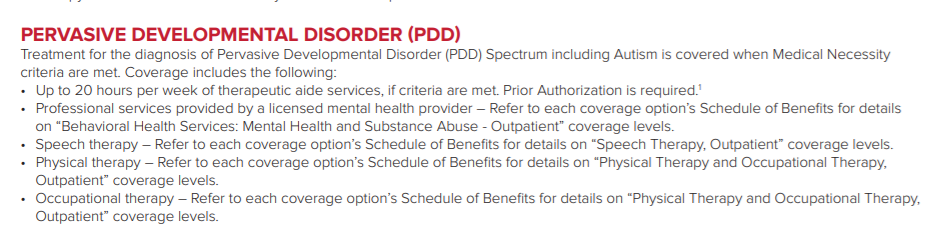
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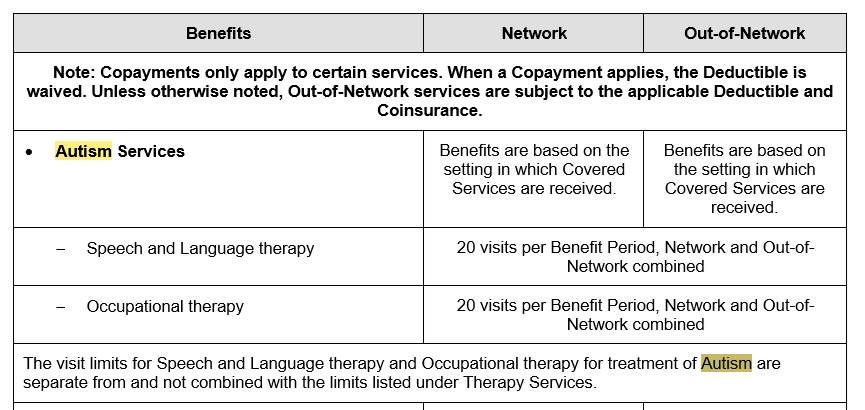
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| Autism Spectrum Disorders (other than ABA) | Only the following services are covered per benefit period (up to age 14); OP Therapies - Occupational & Speech (20 visits each); OP Mental Health and Physical Therapy Unlimited | |  | | --- | | Benefits paid based on services rendered | |

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| Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) | (up to age 14; limited to 20 hours per week) | |  | | --- | | Benefits paid based on services rendered | |

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WRIGHT STATE -Similar Coverage per House Bill 463

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