

## HPSM Announcement

**Date:** January 24, 2018  
**To:** HPSM Contracted Providers  
**Subject:** Changes to Medi-Cal Benefits Administration

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**Re: Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) Coverage of Medi-Cal Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) benefit for Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)/Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA).**

Since 2014 Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) has been responsible for administering Medi-Cal benefits for children diagnosed with ASD and requiring BHT/ABA as treatment. Historically, Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) may have provided BHT/ABA for children under the age of three years through the Early Start program when other community resources were not available.

Effective immediately, HPSM will be responsible for administering Medi-Cal benefits for all children who require BHT/ABA up to the age of 21 years.

HPSM in partnership with GGRC recommends that all new suspected or diagnosed ASD cases be jointly referred to both organizations to promote quicker advancement to appropriate services.

**Referrals to HPSM - for these cases, contact Magellan at the following:**

By phone: 1-800-424-4134 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By email: [MagellanSanMateoReferrals@MagellanHealth.com](mailto:MagellanSanMateoReferrals@MagellanHealth.com)

Pediatricians and other referring providers should present to Magellan the results of a standardized ASD specific screening and/or assessment tool when referring a child for further evaluation and treatment. Such instruments may include:

- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)
- Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (MCHAT)
- Screening Tool for Autism in Toddlers and Young Children (STAT)

**Referrals to GGRC - for these cases contact at the following:**

By phone: 1-888-339-3305

By email: [Intake@ggrc.org](mailto:Intake@ggrc.org)

By Fax: 1-888-339-3306

HPSM and GGRC will work to coordinate benefits for these cases. It is our goal to improve the process and speed to service delivery for our shared members/individuals served.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ed Ortiz at 650-616-2837 or [Edward.ortiz@hpsm.org](mailto:Edward.ortiz@hpsm.org).