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Term Description

Applied behavioral analysis Applied behavioral analysis means the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior or to prevent loss of attained skill or function, including the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior.

Autism service provider Autism service provider means any of the following: (i) a person, entity or group providing treatment of autism spectrum disorders, pursuant to a treatment plan, that is licensed or certified in Pennsylvania; (ii) any person, entity or group providing treatment of autism spectrum disorders, pursuant to a treatment plan, that is enrolled in the Commonwealth's medical assistance program on or before the effective date of this section.

Autism spectrum disorders Autism spectrum disorders means any of the pervasive developmental disorders defined by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), or its successor, including autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.

Behavior specialist Behavior specialist means an individual who designs, implements or evaluates a behavior modification intervention component of a treatment plan, including those based on applied behavioral analysis, to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior or to prevent loss of attained skill or function, through skill acquisition and the reduction of problematic behavior.

Diagnostic assessment Diagnostic assessment of autism spectrum disorders means medically necessary

assessments, evaluations or tests performed by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, licensed psychologist or certified registered nurse practitioner to diagnose whether an individual has an autism spectrum disorder.

Pharmacy care Pharmacy care means medications prescribed by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner and any assessment, evaluation or test prescribed or ordered by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner to determine the need or effectiveness of such medications.

Psychiatric care Psychiatric care means direct or consultative services provided by a physician who specializes in psychiatry.

Psychological care Psychological care means direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist.

Rehabilitative care Rehabilitative care means professional services and treatment programs, including applied behavioral analysis, provided by an autism service provider to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior or to prevent loss of attained skill or function.

Therapeutic care Therapeutic care means services provided by speech language pathologists, occupational therapists or physical therapists.

Treatment plan Treatment plan means a plan for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders developed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist pursuant to a comprehensive evaluation or reevaluation performed in a manner consistent with the most recent clinical report or recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics.