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EPSDT, HCBS-CWA & HCBS-CES Behavioral Therapies

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For Providers:

Behavioral Therapy is offered as a benefit under the EPSDT program for children age 20 and under. All Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) eligible children may access the services when medically necessary. Some Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers for children also offer behavioral therapy as a waiver service. While the enrollment processes are separate, providers may be enrolled as both a Medicaid (EPSDT) provider and an HCBS waiver provider. By becoming a provider of both, the process of transitioning from the waiver service to the EPSDT benefit will be more seamless for the children and will ensure families can stay with their chosen providers. For now, if a child is actively enrolled in an HCBS waiver and receiving behavioral therapy through the waiver they do not have to change programs. Additionally, if a child currently has Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) coverage they do not have to enroll in an HCBS waiver or get on a waitlist to receive the services. For information on how to submit a prior authorization request (PAR) for behavioral therapy under the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) benefit, please visit the provider PAR website, www.ColoradoPAR.com.

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