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Memorandum

Date: December 4, 2020

To: ASD Provider Network

From: Melissa Moody, Chief Clinical Officer

Re: Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing within the ASD Benefit

Recently, DWHIN has received a number of questions regarding psychological and neuropsychological testing. DWHIN would like to clarify its position as it pertains specifically to the ASD Benefit.

Psychological and neuropsychological testing codes are available within the ASD Benefit service array and should be utilized when medically necessary. These services should only be requested when clinically appropriate and should not be requested for every consumer without thorough clinical consideration. Psychological or neurological testing is appropriate to request when further evaluation is needed to rule out an ASD diagnosis or eligibility for the ASD Benefit. This may include, but is not limited to, cognitive testing (i.e. WISC-V) and adaptive testing (i.e. Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales). Additional testing many not be approved when it is requested solely for treatment planning purposes, as the treatment team should be utilizing information from the behavior assessment to help develop the consumer's treatment plan.

Effective 12/14/20 any request for psychological or neuropsychological testing will have to be accompanied by DWHIN's "Psychological and Neuro Psychological Testing Request" form. This form can be found at on DWHIN's webpage under provider information>forms>Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing Request Form (Revised) <https://www.dwhin.org/providers-forms-psych-and-neuropsych.docx>

The fully completed request form should be uploaded into the consumer's all scanned documents section of the MHWIN chart and then the psychological/neuropsychological testing request may be submitted to DWHIN's UM Department for review. It will be critical that the clinician complete a detailed reason for testing (i.e. if there is a rule out diagnosis, indicate what diagnosis is being considered.) These services will only be approved when they are clinically appropriate and necessary.

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Every consumer will not meet criteria for these services. Please relay this information to your clinicians and administrative teams.

Sincerely,

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