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Pervasive Developmental Disorders Coverage Clarification

This bulletin is directed to all insurance companies that issue accident and sickness insurance policies as defined in [IC 27-8-14.2-1](#) and to health maintenance organizations (HMOs) as defined in [IC 27-13-1-19](#). This bulletin amends and clarifies information provided in Bulletin 136, dated March 30, 2006. This bulletin is intended to provide guidance to insurers and to consumers on the administration of claims for treatment of Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) as required by [IC 27-8-14.2](#) and [IC 27-13-7-14.7](#).

Bulletin 136 states, "A written treatment plan for each individual with PDD must be developed and signed by the treating physician." The Department is aware that general practitioners may not be involved in the development of a treatment plan for an individual with PDD. Therefore, treatment plans signed by psychologists or physicians specializing in the treatment of PDD and treating the covered individual with PDD are acceptable for submission to the insurer or HMO. Psychologists and physicians specializing in the treatment of PDD are considered the treating physician for the purposes of PDD coverage.

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