HEALTH INSURANCE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN KANSAS
What Parents and Service Providers Need to Know About the Kansas Autism Insurance Law

January 27, 2011 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Final Agenda

1. Welcome - Deb Kamps and Matt Reese, Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training

2. Opening Comments - Michael Wasmer, Kansas Coalition for Autism Legislation
   a. Brief overview of HB 2160
   b. Why it is critical to increase the number of approved providers and get files claimed in a timely manner
   c. The future of autism insurance in Kansas after the “pilot project”

3. Summary of the Administrative Provisions of Autism Coverage for SEHP members - Mike Michael, Deputy Director, State Employee Health Plan, Kansas Health Policy Authority
   a. Who is eligible for coverage under the KS State Employees Health Plan?
   b. Summary of the Administrative Provisions of Autism Coverage for SEHP members

4. “Filing claims 101” - Lisa Hull; University of Kansas Medical Center, Center for Child Health and Development
   a. Overview of how to file a health insurance claim for autism-related diagnostic and treatment services

5. Filing claims from a service provider’s perspective - Linda Heitzman-Powell, BCBA
   a. How to become an approved service provider for each of the insurance companies contracted by the SEHP
   b. Practical tips for filing claims for Applied Behavior Analysis

6. Filing claims from the insurer’s perspective - Vikki Lindemuth; Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas
   a. Parents’ guide to filing a claim if it was not filed by the service provider
   b. What are the CPT codes for autism diagnostic and treatment services, including ABA?
   c. Overview of the appeals process for claim denials
   d. Other insurance representatives will be available to address any differences in the claims process between companies
      i. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas - Robyn Goates & Adam Powell (New Directions Behavioral Health)
      ii. Preferred Health Systems (PHS) - Irene Hermreck & Dalrona Harrison
      iii. United Health (UMR) - TBA
      iv. Tricare - Joyce White
      v. Coventry (cannot attend)

7. Perspectives from other states - Dan Unumb, advocate for South Carolina’s “Ryan’s Law” (enacted in 2007)
   a. Roadblocks encountered by other states during implementation of autism insurance mandates and how to avoid them in Kansas

8. What are parents’ rights and what recourse do you have if you feel that your rights have been violated by your insurance company - Linda Sheppard; Kansas Insurance Department
   a. Role of the Kansas Insurance Department
   b. Overview of the Kansas prompt pay law


10. Question & Answer Session

11. Closing comments - Michael Wasmer