

AUTISM *Services*

CHANGES IN THE WAY YOU RECEIVE BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

Change in Federal Law

We are writing to let you know about a change in the way you receive Behavioral Services (also known as Behavioral Health Treatment or BHT) for your child with autism. Behavioral Health Treatment services may include, but are not limited to: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), behavioral interventions, and parent training. As you may know, in September 2014, Federal law changed. Now Medicaid/Medi-Cal are required to make this treatment a covered benefit for individuals with a diagnosis of autism who are under age 21. You may have already received notice that this benefit is now available through your Medi-Cal Managed Care plan: Partnership Health Plan or Kaiser.

Also, please note:

- Other services received through NBRC will continue
- If your provider has not vendored with Partnership, you will be required to transition to a new agency
- Partnership can assist with finding new providers to prepare for the transition
- Your current level of services will stay the same (unless your treatment plan changes).
- NBRC is working closely with Partnership to prepare for the transition. Staff are available at each office to answer questions and provide assistance to members and may be reached at the numbers below. As always, your NBRC Service Coordinator is also available for support and assistance.

What's the Timeline?

The transition will occur on February 1, 2016. NBRC will assist with this through the provision of copies of existing diagnostic evaluations and records when possible. Additional information will also be available from Partnership Health Plan and on NBRC's website.

Notices from Partnership Health Plan have been mailed; if you have not received this, please contact Partnership to make sure services transfer 2/1/16. NBRC will continue working with Partnership, service providers and families to keep you informed.

Whether you live in Solano, Napa, or Sonoma County, you will receive services through Partnership Health Plan of California.

In Fairfield: 4665 Business Center Drive (800) 863-4155

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Main Contact: (800) 863-4155 or (800) 809-1350 for BHT questions

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