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TO: PEIA Providers with Autism Programs

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SUBJECT: Important Change in PEIA's Autism Policy

Effective January 1, 2027, PEIA will retire its current Autism Policy and adopt the UnitedHealthcare medical policy and guidelines for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy and related autism services.

As a result, providers will no longer be restricted to billing only those procedure codes identified within the current PEIA Autism Policy. Claims administration, medical necessity determinations, and coding guidance will follow applicable UnitedHealthcare policies effective January 1, 2027.

Pre-Certification is still required for Autism Spectrum Disorder services and should continue to be requested through the UMR provider portal.

PEIA encourages providers to review these guidelines and update internal workflows as needed to ensure a smooth transition. We appreciate your continued commitment to providing high-quality care to PEIA members.