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Senate Select Committee on Autism & Related Disorders

INFORMATIONAL HEARING:

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS (ASD):

Current Regulatory Oversight of Behavioral Intervention Therapy

July 13, 2011

(10:00 AM to 12:30 PM)

The Capitol Building; Room 3191

AGENDA

1. **Welcome & Opening Comments (10:00-10:15AM)**
Senator Steinberg and Committee Members
2. **Current Status of Behavioral Intervention Therapy (Panel): (10:15-10:45AM)**
 - a) A scientific & medical overview of behavioral intervention therapy for ASD:
 - b) Challenges faced by consumers and families: Areva Martin
 - c) Update on federal definition of "behavioral health treatment" as an essential benefit of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010: Lorri Unumb
 - d) Current status and perspective of Health Plans: Charles Bacchi
3. **Accessing Behavioral Intervention Therapy: Coverage & Medical Necessity (panel pending) (10:45-11:15AM)**
 - a) Determination of "coverage" & "medical necessity"
 - b) Regulatory process to enforce "coverage" & "medical necessity"
 - c) Monitoring of compliance by health plans
DMHC: Maureen McKennan – Acting Deputy Director of Plan and Provider Relations
Kevin Donohue – Assistant Chief Counsel – Help Center
Drew Brereton – Staff Counsel, Office of Enforcement
DOI panel pending

4. Delivery of Behavioral Intervention Therapy: Licensing & Certification (panel pending) (11:15-11:45 AM)

- a) Current requirements by each department
- b) Regulatory basis for these requirements
- c) Statutory and litigation status for these requirements
- d) Monitoring of health plan compliance

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5. Discussion, Questions, and Next Steps (11:45AM-12:05PM)

- a) Committee members in dialogue with representatives of DMHC and Dept. of Insurance

6. Public Comment (12:05-12:25PM)

7. Closing Comments & Adjournment (12:25-12:30PM)