

PUBLIC NOTICE

BANKING AND INSURANCE

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Required Coverage for Autism

Notice of Mandated Adjustments to Benefit Payments

Take notice that the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, in compliance with P.L. 2009, c. 115 (the "Act") (as codified: N.J.S.A. 17:48-6ii, 17:48A-7ff, 17:48E-35.33, 17B:26-2.1cc, 17B:27-46.1ii, 17B:27A-7.16, 17B:27A-19.20, 26:2J-4.34, 52:14-17.29p, and 52:14-17.46.6b), hereby adjusts the maximum dollar amount for benefits that carriers and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) are required to provide for expenses incurred for medically necessary behavioral interventions related to the treatment of autism. In accordance with the Act, these adjustments are based on a three percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2011 for all urban consumers in the nation as reported by the United States Department of Labor.

The dollar amount for benefits shall increase by \$1,080 from the current \$36,000 calendar year maximum benefit amount, to a maximum benefit amount of \$37,080 for all policies and contracts delivered, issued, executed, or renewed, or approved for issuance or renewal, during the 12-month period commencing on or after January 1, 2012, to be effective beginning calendar year 2013.