

# C.R.I.B. SHEET #14-01

## State Reimbursement of Additional Services Provided to Children Receiving CLTS-Autism Treatment

*This C.R.I.B. Sheet provides an update regarding state reimbursement of additional services provided to children receiving CLTS-Autism treatment. It will also clarify how this update impacts County Waiver Agencies (CWA) and the annual CLTS reconciliation process.*

### I. Update Regarding Additional Services Provided to Children Receiving CLTS-Autism Treatment

**Effective for CY 2013 and going forward, all services approved through a child's care plan for autism treatment will be eligible for state match funding.**

#### Previous Funding Structure

Prior to this change, DHS only provided state match funding for autism therapy services and specific additional services, based on whether a child was receiving autism treatment at the Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) level or the Consultative Behavioral Intervention (CBI) level. These services included support and service coordination, respite and adaptive aids. Additional services not eligible for state match funding could still be provided within a child's approved care plan and receive federal funding, but CWAs were responsible for paying the non-federal portion of the service costs. Additional services have always been and will remain optional.

Additional services previously approved for state match funding by autism service level:

#### **Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI)**

EIBI/Classic Autism Therapy (SPC 512)  
Support and Service Coordination (SPC 604).

#### **Consultative Behavioral Intervention (CBI)**

CBI Autism Therapy (SPC 512.10)  
Support and Service Coordination (SPC 604)  
Respite (SPCs 103.22, 103.24, 103.26, 103.99)  
Treatment Related Adaptive Aids (SPCs 112.47, 112.55)

#### **Ongoing Services**

All waiver eligible services

#### Updated Funding Structure

For funding purposes, DHS will no longer differentiate between services eligible for state match, and additional services that require local match funding sources. Regardless of a child's level of autism treatment, CWAs may receive state match funding for all eligible waiver services within the guidelines described in Part II below.

### II. Determining Appropriate Additional Services

The Wisconsin State Legislature allocates CLTS-Autism funding to pay for needed waiver services for children receiving direct autism treatment services. Services in addition to direct autism treatment services may be appropriate for a CLTS-Autism participant's care plan when they are necessary for health and safety, and/or to ensure the effectiveness of the autism treatment services. For example, if

respite services allow a child at the EIBI service level to continue living at home with his/her family and avoid out-of-home placement, the child will likely experience more success with the autism treatment services.

Again, this new approach does not change the fact that CWAs are not obligated to provide additional services to children enrolled in CLTS-Autism. These services are optional and based on assessed need, as well as the realities present in the lives of children and their families. As always, CWAs should work with families, providers, and CLTS program staff at DHS to determine the most effective service plan.

### III. Calendar Year 2013 CLTS Reconciliation

The additional services funding update will simplify the CY 2013 CLTS reconciliation process, compared to CY 2012 processes. Previously, CWAs were required to report child specific additional services so the non-federal costs could be subtracted from the CWA's state reimbursable CLTS-Autism expenses. This also required CLTS-Autism expenses to be reported by service level (EIBI, CBI or Ongoing) because of the varying services eligible for state match funding at each level.

For CY 2013 reconciliation, CWAs will no longer be required to report additional services provided to children receiving CLTS-Autism treatment. In addition, CWAs will no longer need to separate CLTS-Autism expenses into the three autism treatment levels of EIBI, CBI and Ongoing. CWAs will only need to report CLTS-Autism expenses by waiver type (DD, SED or PD).

More information about the impact of this funding update will be available in the CY 2013 reconciliation packet and reconciliation technical assistance that will be provided by DHS CLTS fiscal staff in February.

If you have questions regarding this funding update, please use the list below to find the most appropriate contact:

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