

## MEMO

**TO: HealthChoices Contractors**

**FROM: Dennis Marion, OMHSAS Deputy Secretary**

**RE: Survey of Behavior Specialist Consultant Services for Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (“DHS”) Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Bureau of Children’s Services, together with the Office of Developmental Programs Bureau of Autism Services, is seeking information about access to Behavior Specialist Consultant - Autism Spectrum Disorder (“BSC-ASD”) services. Included in this survey are questions related to the authorization and provision of BSC-ASD services, the qualifications of individuals providing services to children diagnosed with an ASD, and the ability of providers to hire new behavior specialists.

Data gathered from the survey (see below) and during follow-up communications with each of the Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations will assist DHS in its ongoing monitoring of services to children and adolescents with ASD.

Please submit the requested information to Cristal Leeper at [cleeper@pa.gov](mailto:cleeper@pa.gov) no later than Friday, September 11th. If you have questions regarding the survey please contact Cristal or me at (717) 787-6443.

Thank you.



