



Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Specialized Skill Development (SSD): Behavioral Specialist Service (BSS) Updates

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AUDIENCE:

AAW SSD: BSS Providers

AAW Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)

PURPOSE:

To announce the resolution of a previous SSD: BSS billing issue and the release of new SSD: BSS Procedure Codes effective 11/01/2024.

DISCUSSION:

On 10/08/2024, ODP notified SSD: BSS providers of an issue impacting billing. The issue within Promise that was causing the denials for billing for BSS services has been corrected. As of publication of this notice, BSS providers are able to move forward with billing for all previous denials and any additional services rendered that have been on hold.

In order to help alleviate future billing issues, for dates of service beginning 11/01/2024 the BSS procedure codes are changing as follows. Providers should continue to use the current codes for dates of service through 10/31/2024, after which these codes will no longer be active.

SSD: BSS Plan Development

Current Procedure Code: 96156

New Procedure Code: W0162

SSD: BSS Direct Service

Current Procedure Code: 96159

New Procedure Code: W0163

SSD: BSS Consultation

Current Procedure Code: 96171

New Procedure Code: W0163 SE*

(*SE is a new modifier for BSS Consultation service only)

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Bureau of Services for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP) is currently updating all impacted Individual Service Plans (ISPs) to reflect the new BSS codes effective 11/01/2024. This is to ensure there is no gap in services rendered or any lapse in billing.

If you have any questions, please contact ra-pwaawclmsmonitor@pa.gov with the subject line "BSS Billing Issue."