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BULLETIN 2011-08

TO: Commercial Health Insurers, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. and Health Maintenance Organizations Offering or Renewing Insured Health Products in the Merged Market in Massachusetts

FROM: Joseph G. Murphy, Commissioner of Insurance

DATE: April 25, 2011

RE: Benefit Limits on Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders

The Division of Insurance issues this Bulletin regarding mandated coverage for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders ("ASD") pursuant to Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2010, which applies to fully insured health benefit plans issued or renewed by health insurance carriers on and after January 1, 2011.

Health insurance carriers may not limit coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of ASD to a fixed number of visits or days or require that visits be completed within a fixed number of days.

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please call Nancy Schwartz, Director of the Bureau of Managed Care at the Division of Insurance at (617) 521-7347.