UPDATE
Home State Health requiring additional diagnosis code with
Autism Spectrum Disorder (F84.0)

Why is Home State Health requiring this change?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) includes other neurodevelopmental disorders that are chronic life-long conditions. While there is no cure for ASD, there is a consensus that treatment must be individualized depending upon the specific strengths, weaknesses and needs of the child and family.

The intent is to get additional information on the claim. The data will allow us to capture the necessary information without having to pull medical records. As a health plan we can better assist these members with such services as:

- Locating resources for specialized daycare services.
- Offer parental support and education
- Provision of appropriate learning materials and educational tools
- Finding respite care for relief of parents as needed

Per ICD-10-CM guidelines

F84.0 requires the use of additional codes that identify…

- Any associated medical conditions and/or
- Intellectual disabilities, such as IQ.

Billing Grid

Autism (F84.0) and Intellectual Disability	ICD-10 DX code to be billed in conjunction with F84.0	Documentation requirement / Medical Record must state
Member has no intellectual disability	Z03.89	"No ID" , "Without ID"
IQ test not assessed/not able to be assessed.	Z03.89	"ID not assessed", "ID not able to be assessed". *(ex:* "Patient was combative and IQ test was not able to be administered."
Member has intellectual disability	F70, F71, F72, F73, F78, F79, R41.83	"Patient has _____ ID" , "With ID"

What documentation requirements are needed?

- If a member **has intellectual disability**, then the medical record **must state this**. The corresponding ICD-10-CM codes to relay this spans from F70-F79 or R41.83.
- If a member **does not have intellectual disabilit**y or the **IQ test was not able to be administered**, then the **documentation needs to state this**. ICD-10-CM code Z03.89 will satisfy these instances.

  - Z03.89: Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions and conditions ruled out. "*This code is used when a patient presents with a suspected medical condition that upon further investigation is determined to not be present, or is ruled out, and that requires no further treatment or follow-up. The category may be used for administrative or legal observations*", per Optum Encoder Pro resource.

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The goal is to open up conversation between coder/biller and provider. This allows providers to amend the documentation, provide the necessary language for a coder to bill appropriately, relay the information via claims, and exercise overall good documentation emphasizing the need to report additional diagnoses.

Other Helpful Coding Tips

TIPS:	ICD-10 Mapping & Education
➢ **ICD-10-CM**	F84.0 (Autistic disorder)[3]

➢ **Use additional code...**	... to identify any associated <u>medical condition</u> such as:
	  o Constipation
	  o Sleep problems
	  o Poor coordination of muscles
	  o Seizures
	...and intellectual disabilities such as <u>IQ</u>:
	  o *F70* Mild (IQ 50-55 to 70)
	  o *F71* Moderate (IQ 35-40 to 50-55)
	  o *F72* Severe (IQ 20-25 to 35-40)
	  o *F73* Profound (IQ below 20-25)
	  o *F78* Other intellectual disabilities
	  o *F79* Unspecified intellectual disabilities
	  o *R41.83* Borderline intellectual functioning (IQ 71 to 84)

➢ **Avoid terms such as "history of"...**	... if patient is still being monitored for the condition.
	  o <u>Incorrect</u> wording: *Patient has <u>history of</u> autism.*
	  o <u>Correct</u> wording: *Patient has autism and continues medication.*

➢ **Documentation & Coding Tips**	The following language supports actively monitoring [any] condition and must be documented by the provider. In the documentation, mention...
	  o if the patient is receiving therapy.
	  o getting a refill on medication.
	  o the status of the condition.

1.   Autism Speaks: What is Autism? (https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism)
2.   WebMD: What is Autism? (http://www.webmd.com/brain/autism/ss/slideshow-autism-overview)
3.   2017 ICD-10-CM Expert for Physicians: The Complete Official Code Set, Optum360. 2016 Optum360

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➤ **Secure Portal Registration:** If you haven't already do so, please go to www.HomeStateHealth.com to register for our Secure Portal. Functions on the portal include: Verification of eligibility, submission of claims, entering authorizations, viewing patient care gaps, etc. Use of the portal is FREE for all services!

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· Please register with PaySpan Health at www.payspanhealth.com

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