

Great News! Jefferson Adds Autism Coverage Under Medical Plans

All Jefferson Medical plans will add coverage for services related to a diagnosis of autism effective January 1, 2012. Coverage for autism is not required under State and Federal law for our self-insured plan. The additional benefit makes our Plans even more competitive with those offered by other employers.

Independence Blue Cross is updating its systems so they can process claims retroactively to January 1, 2012. They expect to be able to do so before the end of February and will reprocess any 2012 claims that were previously denied. Autism claims will be paid just as other claims are for the same service. For example, if your dependent had speech therapy as a treatment related to a diagnosis of autism, you would pay a \$15 copay for a JeffPLUS provider and \$20 for a Blue Cross provider, whether you had Keystone HMO or Personal Choice. These are the same co-pays that apply for speech therapy related to other diagnoses.

We are pleased to be able to extend the coverage of our medical plans to support our employees and families. Should you have questions, please call the HR Service Center at 215-503-8100.