



**Letter of Direction #71**

**Date:** November 23, 2021

**To:** Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations

**From:** Nicole Comeaux, Director, Medical Assistance Division   
Neal Bowen, Director, Behavioral Health Services Division 

**Subject:** Reimbursement for Multiple Assessments of all children from Bernalillo Academy

**Title:** Bernalillo Academy Reimbursement for Multiple Assessments

The purpose of this Letter of Direction (LOD) is to provide guidance and directives to the Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) regarding children from Bernalillo Academy who require multiple re-evaluation assessments to determine medically necessary needs.

Providers completing independent re-evaluation assessments (CPT Code 90791) of all children at Bernalillo Academy, despite current admission to Residential Treatment Center (RTC) level of care or time limitations between assessments shall be reimbursed by the MCOs.

Re-evaluations occur on site at Bernalillo Academy. Providers include licensed therapists from any of the following agencies: New Mexico Solutions, Children's Treatment Center (CTC), All Faiths, UNM Center for Developmental Disabilities (CDD).

Children may receive 1-3 re-evaluations in the next month based on evaluator's area of expertise and the child's need, e.g., child may receive re-evaluation from UNM CDD for autism diagnosis & from New Mexico Solutions, CTC, and All Faiths for other mental health diagnosis. No more than Three (3) evaluations can be billed on the same date of service.

Providers will bill directly from their own billing system and include the assessments in their client record. Assessments will also be included in Bernalillo Academy's client record, and in Licensing & Certification Authority files. Parent/guardian consent for independent re-evaluation and billing to insurance has been obtained and includes release of independent assessments to Bernalillo Academy. Parent/guardian are not to be responsible for any co-pays for these re-evaluations.

For members transitioning out of Bernalillo Academy the MCO shall coordinate with CYFD as outlined in the Medicaid Managed Care Services Agreement sections 4.12.13.8- 4.12.13.8.1.6 and shall submit all transition plans to HSD as appropriate.

***Sunset***

This LOD will sunset on December 31, 2021.

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