JFK Partners and the Autism Society Colorado Present...

Health Insurance Mandated Autism Treatment (HIMAT) Seminar

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 ~ 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 2 North, 13120 E. 19th Ave., 1st floor, Rm 1107, Aurora, CO 80045

(Similar events in Colorado Springs on October 12, 2011, and in Ft. Collins on November 9, 2011)

HIMAT mandates coverage of certain Autism treatments by certain private health insurance plans. This event will be an opportunity for parents, providers and others to discuss the implications of the law. The event will cover an overview of the law, general insurance tips and strategies, in-network credentialing, services in non-office settings and obtaining coverage/authorization.

This 4-hour event will be held in-person at the Anschutz Medical Campus and also simultaneously webconferenced for those outside of the Denver-metro area (webinar capacity is limited – please use this opportunity only if you are over 40 miles away from a location or unable to obtain childcare).

Speakers:
- Travis Blevins, MS, BCBA, Adjunct Faculty, University of Colorado Denver, Executive Director, Behavior Services of the Rockies
- David Hatfield, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Director, Colorado Coalition of Autism Professionals, Chief Executive Officer, Developmental Behavioral Health, Inc.
- Heidi Loeffel, Paralegal at Ewing & Ewing, P.C.
- Jill Tappert, J.D. (inactive), Director of Private Insurance Policy, Member of the Board of Directors and Member of the Public Policy Committee, Autism Society of Colorado

REGISTRATION: [http://www.jfkpartners.org/Workshops.asp](http://www.jfkpartners.org/Workshops.asp)

Space is limited so registration is required. Registration will end Tues, Sept 6, 2011.


For more info on the Oct 12 and Nov 9 trainings, contact please contact Kim Tenure at kim@autismcolorado.org or (720) 214-0794, x15 or visit [www.autismcolorado.org](http://www.autismcolorado.org).

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Live Site Participant Cost:

*Free* for parents of children/youth with ASD *does not include parking ($1/hr)

$30 per person for other attendees (includes information packet and light refreshments) *does not include parking ($1/hr)

LIVE Site Location:

Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 2 North

13120 E. 19th Ave, 1st Floor, Room 1107

Aurora, CO 80045

Web Participation Cost:

$5 per person (includes web connection cost and electronic information packet)

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WEB Information:

*Equipment requirements:* Computer, High-speed internet connection, Speakers, Adobe Flashplayer (free from adobe.com)

Web participants will receive an email 2 business days before the event with a link and instructions for connecting. Sound will come through your computer. There is no phone line to call into.

Questions regarding web connection or other logistical questions can be directed to Dina Johnson at dina.johnson@ucdenver.edu.
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<td>Welcome and Introduction</td>
<td>Kim Tenure</td>
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<td>Overview of HIMAT, including which policies are required to provide</td>
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<td>coverage, which treatments are covered and the requirements set forth</td>
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<td>Strategies and information on becoming an in-network provider</td>
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<td>(&quot;credentialing&quot;) and arguments in support of community or home based</td>
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<td>Overview of additional laws that families and providers should be</td>
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<td>familiar with to aid in securing coverage under HIMAT</td>
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**Thank You** to the underwriters who made this seminar
FREE for families and to the presenters:
**Speaker Information:**

**Jill Tappert, J.D. (inactive)**
Ms. Tappert is the volunteer Director of Private Insurance Policy for the Autism Society of Colorado, and also a member of the Board of Directors and an active member and former co-chair of the Public Policy Committee of ASC. She assisted ASC in passing the HIMAT law in 2009. She helped lay the foundation for HIMAT and similar laws across the country by successfully arbitrating against her insurance company for coverage of ABA Autism Therapy in 2007. Since passage of HIMAT, she has volunteered many hours to the autism community seeking fair and effective implementation of the law. Ms. Tappert is married and has two young children, one of whom has autism.

**David B. Hatfield, Ph.D., BCBA-D**
Dr. Hatfield is one of the very few practitioners in the State of Colorado to hold both licensure as a Psychologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst. He specializes in child, adult, and family practice issues such as: pervasive developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, disruptive behavior disorders, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, and pediatric psychology. Dr. Hatfield is the Director of the Colorado Coalition of Autism Professionals and served as the Service Provider Representative to the Autism Commission for the State of Colorado.

**Heidi Loeffel**
Ms. Loeffel has served as a paralegal at Ewing & Ewing, PC, since May 1999. Her work at Ewing & Ewing focuses on insurance coverage, health benefit disputes, and ERISA matters on behalf of plaintiffs seeking to obtain private insurance coverage. Together with Craig Ewing, Ms. Loeffel has represented and counseled many families seeking coverage for treatment for ASDs and has staffed many free legal clinics hosted by the Autism Society of Colorado.

**Travis Blevins, M.S., BCBA**
Mr. Blevins has provided services for individuals with special needs for 17 years. He is currently the Executive Director of Behavior Services of the Rockies, The ABA School, and Colorado Residential Solutions. He is a founding member, and president-elect of the Four Corners Association of Behavior Analysis, adjunct faculty member in the Special Education Department at University of Colorado-Denver, a member of the Association of Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).