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The Network Adequacy standards for Nevada in plan year 2017 were based on the CMS standards released in the Letter to Issuers in the FFE. The table below summarizes these standards. For a copy of the CMS' standards please follow the link below.

2017 Letter to Issuers (CMS): ECP/Network Adequacy Section pages 23-36

http://doi.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/doi.nv.gov/Content/Insurers/Life_and_Health/PY2017Issuerletter.pdf

NON-ECP Network Adequacy Standards									
Specialty	Metro		Micro		Rural		CEAC		
	Max Time (Mins)	Max Distance (Miles)	Max Time (Mins)	Max Distance (Miles)	Max Time (Mins)	Max Distance (Miles)	Max Time (Mins)	Max Distance (Miles)	
Provider	Primary Care	15	10	30	20	40	30	70	60
	Endocrinology	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130
	Infectious Diseases	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130
	Mental Health	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100
	Oncology - Medical/Surgical	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100
	Oncology - Radiation/Radiology	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130
	Rheumatology	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130
Facility	Hospitals	45	30	80	60	75	60	110	100
	Outpatient Dialysis	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110

ECP Network Adequacy Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A network plan must contract with at least 30% of available Essential Community Providers (ECP) in each plan's service area ➤ Offers contracts in good faith to all available Indian health care providers in the service area ➤ Offers contracts in good faith to at least one ECP in each category in each county in the service area

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Major ECP Category	ECP Provider Types
Family Planning Providers	Title X Family Planning Clinics and Title X "Look-Alike" Family Planning Clinics
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	FQHC and FQHC "Look-Alike" Clinics, Outpatient health programs/facilities operated by Indian tribes, tribal organizations, programs operated by Urban Indian Organizations
Hospitals	Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and DSH-eligible Hospitals, Children's Hospitals, Rural Referral Centers, Sole Community Hospitals, Free-standing Cancer Centers, Critical Access Hospitals
Indian Health Care Providers	Indian Health Service (IHS providers), Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian Organizations
Ryan White Providers	Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Providers
Other ECP Providers	STD Clinics, TB Clinics, Hemophilia Treatment Centers, Black Lung Clinics, Community Mental Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and other entities that serve predominantly low-income, medically underserved individuals.

Nevada State Mandates	
NRS 689A.0435	<p>Coverage for autism spectrum disorders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A health benefit plan must provide an option of coverage for screening for and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and for treatment of autism spectrum disorders for persons covered by the policy under the age of 18 or, if enrolled in high school, until the person reaches the age of 22. 2. Optional coverage provided pursuant to this section must be subject to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A maximum benefit of not less than \$36,000 per year for applied behavior analysis treatment; and (b) Copayment, deductible and coinsurance provisions and any other general exclusions or limitations of a policy of health insurance to the same extent as other medical services or prescription drugs covered by the policy. 3. A health benefit plan that offers or issues a policy of health insurance which provides coverage for outpatient care shall not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Require an insured to pay a higher deductible, copayment or coinsurance or require a longer waiting period for optional coverage for outpatient care related to autism spectrum disorders than is required for other outpatient care covered by the policy; or (b) Refuse to issue a policy of health insurance or cancel a policy of health insurance solely because the person applying for or covered by the policy uses or may use in the future any of the services listed in subsection 1. 4. Except as provided in subsections 1 and 2, an insurer who offers optional coverage pursuant to subsection 1 shall not limit the number of visits an insured may make to any person, entity or group for treatment of autism spectrum disorders. 5. Treatment of autism spectrum disorders must be identified in a treatment plan and may include medically necessary habilitative or rehabilitative care, prescription care, psychiatric care, psychological care, behavior therapy or therapeutic care that is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Prescribed for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist; and (b) Provided for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician, licensed

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psychologist, licensed behavior analyst or other provider that is supervised by the licensed physician, psychologist or behavior analyst.

È An insurer may request a copy of and review a treatment plan created pursuant to this subsection.

6. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring an insurer to provide reimbursement to an early intervention agency or school for services delivered through early intervention or school services.

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including, without limitation, the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior.

(b) "Autism spectrum disorders" means a neurobiological medical condition including, without limitation, autistic disorder, Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified.

(c) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive therapy derived from evidence-based research, including, without limitation, discrete trial training, early intensive behavioral intervention, intensive intervention programs, pivotal response training and verbal behavior provided by a licensed psychologist, licensed behavior analyst, licensed assistant behavior analyst or certified autism behavior interventionist.

(d) "Certified autism behavior interventionist" means a person who is certified as an autism behavior interventionist by the Board of Psychological Examiners and who provides behavior therapy under the supervision of:

(1) A licensed psychologist;

(2) A licensed behavior analyst; or

(3) A licensed assistant behavior analyst.

(e) "Evidence-based research" means research that applies rigorous, systematic and objective procedures to obtain valid knowledge relevant to autism spectrum disorders.

(f) "Habilitative or rehabilitative care" means counseling, guidance and professional services and treatment programs, including, without limitation, applied behavior analysis, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of a person.

(g) "Licensed assistant behavior analyst" means a person who holds current certification or meets the standards to be certified as a board certified assistant behavior analyst issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization, who is licensed as an assistant behavior analyst by the Board of Psychological Examiners and who provides behavioral therapy under the supervision of a licensed behavior analyst or psychologist.

(h) "Licensed behavior analyst" means a person who holds current certification or meets the standards to be certified as a board certified behavior analyst or a board certified assistant behavior analyst issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization, and who is licensed as a behavior analyst by the Board of Psychological Examiners.

(i) "Prescription care" means medications prescribed by a licensed physician and any health-related services deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications.

(j) "Psychiatric care" means direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state in which the psychiatrist practices.

(k) "Psychological care" means direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the state in which the psychologist practices.

(l) "Screening for autism spectrum disorders" means medically necessary assessments, evaluations or tests to screen and diagnose whether a person has an autism spectrum disorder.

(m) "Therapeutic care" means services provided by licensed or certified speech pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

(n) "Treatment plan" means a plan to treat an autism spectrum disorder that is prescribed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist and may be developed pursuant to a comprehensive evaluation in coordination with a licensed behavior analyst.

(Added to NRS by [2009, 1465](#))

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NRS 689C.1655	<p>Coverage for autism spectrum disorders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A health benefit plan must provide coverage for screening for and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and for treatment of autism spectrum disorders to persons covered by the health benefit plan under the age of 18 or, if enrolled in high school, until the person reaches the age of 22.2. Coverage provided under this section is subject to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) A maximum benefit of \$36,000 per year for applied behavior analysis treatment; and(b) Copayment, deductible and coinsurance provisions and any other general exclusion or limitation of a health benefit plan to the same extent as other medical services or prescription drugs covered by the plan.3. A health benefit plan that offers or issues a policy of group health insurance which provides coverage for outpatient care shall not:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) Require an insured to pay a higher deductible, copayment or coinsurance or require a longer waiting period for coverage for outpatient care related to autism spectrum disorders than is required for other outpatient care covered by the plan; or(b) Refuse to issue a health benefit plan or cancel a health benefit plan solely because the person applying for or covered by the plan uses or may use in the future any of the services listed in subsection 1.4. Except as provided in subsections 1 and 2, a carrier shall not limit the number of visits an insured may make to any person, entity or group for treatment of autism spectrum disorders.5. Treatment of autism spectrum disorders must be identified in a treatment plan and may include medically necessary habilitative or rehabilitative care, prescription care, psychiatric care, psychological care, behavior therapy or therapeutic care that is:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) Prescribed for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist; and(b) Provided for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, licensed behavior analyst or other provider that is supervised by the licensed physician, psychologist or behavior analyst. <p>È A carrier may request a copy of and review a treatment plan created pursuant to this subsection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. A health benefit plan subject to the provisions of this chapter that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, has the legal effect of including the coverage required by subsection 1, and any provision of the plan or the renewal which is in conflict with subsection 1 or 2 is void.7. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a carrier to provide reimbursement to an early intervention agency or school for services delivered through early intervention or school services.8. As used in this section:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including, without limitation, the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior.(b) "Autism spectrum disorders" means a neurobiological medical condition including, without limitation, autistic disorder, Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified.(c) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive therapy derived from evidence-based research, including, without limitation, discrete trial training, early intensive behavioral intervention, intensive intervention programs, pivotal response training and verbal behavior provided by a licensed psychologist, licensed behavior analyst, licensed assistant behavior analyst or certified autism behavior interventionist.(d) "Certified autism behavior interventionist" means a person who is certified as an autism behavior interventionist by the Board of Psychological Examiners and who provides behavior therapy under the supervision of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) A licensed psychologist;(2) A licensed behavior analyst; or(3) A licensed assistant behavior analyst.
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	<p>(e) "Evidence-based research" means research that applies rigorous, systematic and objective procedures to obtain valid knowledge relevant to autism spectrum disorders.</p> <p>(f) "Habilitative or rehabilitative care" means counseling, guidance and professional services and treatment programs, including, without limitation, applied behavior analysis, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of a person.</p> <p>(g) "Licensed assistant behavior analyst" means a person who holds current certification or meets the standards to be certified as a board certified assistant behavior analyst issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization, who is licensed as an assistant behavior analyst by the Board of Psychological Examiners and who provides behavioral therapy under the supervision of a licensed behavior analyst or psychologist.</p> <p>(h) "Licensed behavior analyst" means a person who holds current certification or meets the standards to be certified as a board certified behavior analyst or a board certified assistant behavior analyst issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization and who is licensed as a behavior analyst by the Board of Psychological Examiners.</p> <p>(i) "Prescription care" means medications prescribed by a licensed physician and any health-related services deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications.</p> <p>(j) "Psychiatric care" means direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state in which the psychiatrist practices.</p> <p>(k) "Psychological care" means direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the state in which the psychologist practices.</p> <p>(l) "Screening for autism spectrum disorders" means medically necessary assessments, evaluations or tests to screen and diagnose whether a person has an autism spectrum disorder.</p> <p>(m) "Therapeutic care" means services provided by licensed or certified speech pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists.</p> <p>(n) "Treatment plan" means a plan to treat an autism spectrum disorder that is prescribed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist and may be developed pursuant to a comprehensive evaluation in coordination with a licensed behavior analyst.</p> <p>(Added to NRS by 2009, 1469)</p>
<p>NRS 695C.1717</p>	<p>Required provision concerning coverage for autism spectrum disorders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A health care plan issued by a health maintenance organization must provide coverage for screening for and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and for treatment of autism spectrum disorders to persons covered by the health care plan under the age of 18 or, if enrolled in high school, until the person reaches the age of 22. 2. Coverage provided under this section is subject to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A maximum benefit of \$36,000 per year for applied behavior analysis treatment; and (b) Copayment, deductible and coinsurance provisions and any other general exclusion or limitation of a health care plan to the same extent as other medical services or prescription drugs covered by the plan. 3. A health care plan issued by a health maintenance organization that provides coverage for outpatient care shall not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Require an enrollee to pay a higher deductible, copayment or coinsurance or require a longer waiting period for coverage for outpatient care related to autism spectrum disorders than is required for other outpatient care covered by the plan; or (b) Refuse to issue a health care plan or cancel a health care plan solely because the person applying for or covered by the plan uses or may use in the future any of the services listed in subsection 1. 4. Except as provided in subsections 1 and 2, a health maintenance organization shall not limit the number of visits an enrollee may make to any person, entity or group for treatment of autism spectrum disorders. 5. Treatment of autism spectrum disorders must be identified in a treatment plan and may include medically necessary habilitative or rehabilitative care, prescription care, psychiatric care, psychological care, behavior therapy or therapeutic care that is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Prescribed for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or

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licensed psychologist; and

(b) Provided for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, licensed behavior analyst or other provider that is supervised by the licensed physician, psychologist or behavior analyst.

È A health maintenance organization may request a copy of and review a treatment plan created pursuant to this subsection.

6. Evidence of coverage subject to the provisions of this chapter that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, has the legal effect of including the coverage required by subsection 1, and any provision of the evidence of coverage or the renewal which is in conflict with subsection 1 or 2 is void.

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<p>NRS 695G.1645</p>	<p>Required provision concerning coverage for autism spectrum disorders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A health care plan issued by a managed care organization for group coverage must provide coverage for screening for and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and for treatment of autism spectrum disorders to persons covered by the health care plan under the age of 18 or, if enrolled in high school, until the person reaches the age of 22. 2. A health care plan issued by a managed care organization for individual coverage must provide an option for coverage for screening for and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and for treatment of autism spectrum disorders to persons covered by the health care plan under the age of 18 or, if enrolled in high school, until the person reaches the age of 22. 3. Coverage provided under this section is subject to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A maximum benefit of \$36,000 per year for applied behavior analysis treatment; and (b) Copayment, deductible and coinsurance provisions and any other general exclusion or limitation of a health care plan to the same extent as other medical services or prescription drugs covered by the plan. 4. A managed care organization that offers or issues a health care plan which provides coverage for outpatient care shall not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Require an insured to pay a higher deductible, copayment or coinsurance or require a longer waiting period for coverage for outpatient care related to autism spectrum disorders than is required for other outpatient care covered by the plan; or (b) Refuse to issue a health care plan or cancel a health care plan solely because the person applying for or covered by the plan uses or may use in the future any of the services listed in subsection 1. 5. Except as provided in subsections 1, 2 and 3, a managed care organization shall not limit the number of visits an insured may make to any person, entity or group for treatment of autism spectrum disorders. 6. Treatment of autism spectrum disorders must be identified in a treatment plan and may include medically necessary habilitative or rehabilitative care, prescription care, psychiatric care, psychological care, behavior therapy or therapeutic care that is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Prescribed for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist; and (b) Provided for a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, licensed behavior analyst or other provider that is supervised by the licensed physician, psychologist or behavior analyst. È A managed care organization may request a copy of and review a treatment plan created pursuant to this subsection. 7. An evidence of coverage subject to the provisions of this chapter that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, has the legal effect of including the coverage required by subsection 1, and any provision of the evidence of coverage or the renewal which is in conflict with subsection 1 or 3 is void. 8. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a managed care organization to provide reimbursement to an early intervention agency or school for services delivered through early intervention or school services. 9. As used in this section: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially significant improvement in

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(Added to NRS by [2009, 1475](#))