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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

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Subject: Update to the Guide To Assistive Devices and Assistive Technology – Sensory Manipulatives

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In-Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message: The Guide To Assistive Devices and Assistive Technology is being updated to indicate that sensory manipulates will no longer need a written denial from the health insurance provider to consider ODDS funding.

Sensory Manipulatives

Sensory manipulatives, such as fidgets, are not durable medical equipment and therefore are not covered by the individual’s health plan. An insurance denial for sensory manipulatives is not necessary to consider Department funding when the requested item meets all other requirements for funding. The use of sensory manipulatives must be recommended by a relevant professional, such as an Occupational Therapist, and the Personal Agent or Services Coordinator must document the direct connection between the use a sensory manipulative and the Individual’s increased independence with ADL/IADLs or health related tasks.

If you have any questions about this information memorandum, contact:
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