

TRICARE ACD Manual Change Webinar: Comprehensive ACD Manual Changes Overview

March 24, 2020



“Medically Ready Force...Ready Medical Force”

Agenda



- Welcome and Introduction of Speakers
- New TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM) Chapter 18, Section 4 – Published March 23, 2021
- ACD Change: Road to Revision
- Overview of Revised Manual
- Implementation Timeline
- Upcoming Webinars
- Submission of Questions

Webinar Housekeeping



- Phone lines are in listen-only mode
- Questions may be submitted via the ACD email (dha.acd@mail.mil) or via the Q&A box in the Adobe Connect platform
- Please be respectful with your questions/comments
- Webinar is being recorded
- Slides and a PDF of the manual are available for download via Adobe Connect during the presentation in the downloads box
- Slides will be posted on www.health.mil/autism following this presentation

ACD Manual Changes – Published



- TRICARE Operations Manual Chapter 18, Section 4:
“DoD Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration”
 - Published: March 23, 2021

- <https://manuals.health.mil/pages/DisplayManualHtmlFile/2021-03-23/AsOf/TO15/C18S4.html>

ACD Change: Road to Revision



- Industry Input/Collaboration with Many Stakeholders
 - MHS providers
 - Family feedback
 - ABA providers
 - Advocates
 - Leading researchers
- Literature/Research
- Commercial/Medicaid Plans
- Available Practice Recommendations
- ACD Medical Records Documentation
 - Treatment plans
 - Session notes
- Previous DoD OIG Reports/Audits

ACD Change: Road to Revision



■ ACD Priorities/Driving Forces:

- ❑ Increased need to provide more support to families
- ❑ Comprehensive approach to care – “Comprehensive ACD”
- ❑ Commitment to ensure all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries diagnosed with ASD reach their maximum potential through:
 - Enhancing beneficiary and family support
 - Improving outcomes
 - Encouraging parental involvement
 - Improving utilization of management
 - Revising coverage of Adaptive Behavior Services (ABS) codes

ACD Overview of New Manual



1. Purpose
2. Background
3. Demonstration Goals
4. Beneficiary Eligibility
5. Covered Services
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9. ACD Requirements
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Areas of Change



- Beneficiary Eligibility – Diagnosis requirements; ECHO extension, Non-clinical support
- ASN – Specialized care managers/coordinators that are assigned to each new family entering the ACD
- Parent/Family Support – New Contractor responsibilities to support parents/families

Areas of Change: ABA Policy



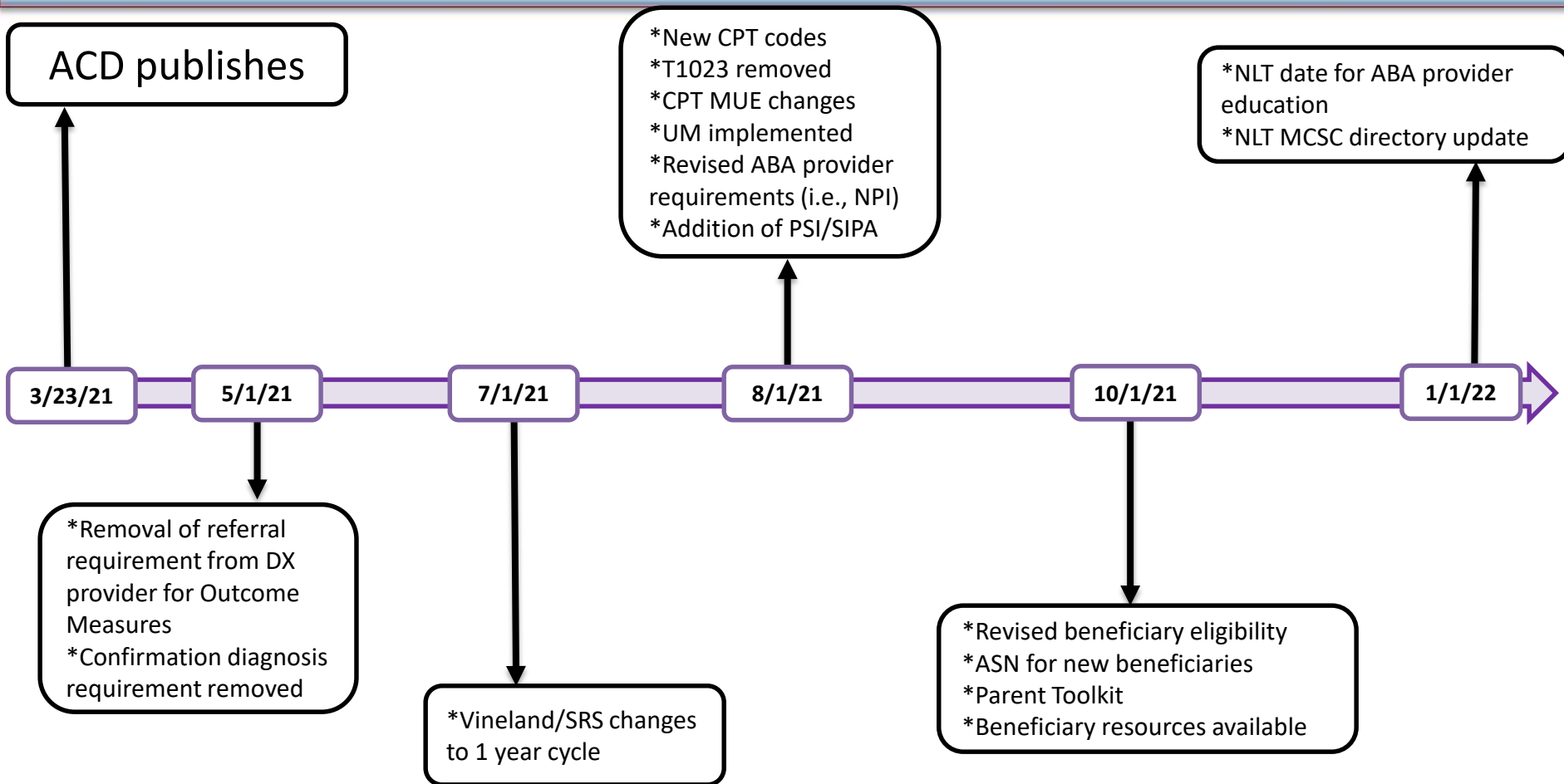
- Provider Requirements (8.2- 8.5)
- Referral/Authorization (8.6.1/8.6.2)
- Outcome Measures (8.6.4)
- Medical Team Conference (8.6.5)
- Documentation (8.6.7)
- Discharge Planning (8.8)
- Quality Monitoring and Oversight (8.9)
- Exclusions (8.10)
- CPT Codes (8.11.6)
- Reimbursement Rates (8.11.7)

Areas of Change: Contractor Requirements



- Utilization Management – Clinical necessity reviews of all TPs
- Additional Contractor Responsibilities – Additional requirements for the Contractor
- Outcome Measures Oversight – Contractor requirements for collection of valid measures
- Provider Networks – Access to care

Phased Implementation Timeline



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Phased Implementation Timeline cont.



- Contractors will be implementing these changes
- Please be patient
- Direct all policy change questions to DHA until the Contractors' processes are established

Upcoming Webinars



■ Series of Meetings:

- April 7, 2021 @ 1300 ET– ASN and the Comprehensive Care Plan
- April 16, 2021 @ 1200 ET – ABA Benefit (8.0)
- April 21, 2021 @ 1300 ET – Other Important Changes

■ Submit Questions in Advance

- Please submit all questions and we will address accordingly
- Questions will be addressed during relevant webinars
- Do not send PII/PHI to the ACD email

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