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**Nevada Families with Medicaid May Now Access Applied Behavior Analysis at
Center for Autism and Related Disorders in Henderson**

Medicaid in Nevada now covers applied behavior analysis (ABA) for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 08, 2016) - Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) is now providing treatment to Medicaid beneficiaries who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Beginning Jan. 1, 2016, Medicaid is covering autism treatment in the state of Nevada. Autism treatment using applied behavior analysis (ABA) is key to providing effective treatment for individuals with ASD. Now, over 1,800 low-income children in the state will be able to access ABA. Families who are in need are encouraged to call CARD to start the intake process. CARD also accepts private insurance. For more information or to schedule a tour of the CARD center in Henderson, call 702.778.4500.

“We are excited to be contracted with Medicaid,” said Dana Aronson, MS, BCBA, LBA, CARD clinical lead manager. “It opens the door for so many individuals on the autism spectrum to access services, and this new benefit supports our mission to help as many families as possible across all populations.”

The push for Nevada Medicaid to cover ABA came from parents and advocates across the state. Last year, the Nevada legislature approved funding for the program to take effect Jan. 1, 2016. On Nov. 9, 2015, the state increased the Medicaid reimbursement rate from \$29.61 to \$31.31 per hour to encourage more providers to offer services to Medicaid families.

CARD provides a variety of services worldwide using the evidence-based principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA) to treat the deficits and behaviors commonly associated with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). ABA is the only scientifically validated treatment for ASD, and research shows that it is most effective when delivered early and at a high level of intensity. Recognized as a global leader in the field of autism treatment, CARD has treatment centers across the country.

About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at treatment centers around the globe. CARD was founded in 1990

by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats individuals with ASD using the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA), which is empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. CARD employs a dedicated team of nearly 2,000 individuals across the nation and internationally. For more information, visit www.centerforautism.com or call (855) 345-2273.

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