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March 29, 2009

Re: John Smith
DOB: April 1, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

The above-named child was recently evaluated at our office for the purpose of diagnostic clarification. Extended developmental testing (CPT 96111) was required, as the Best Practice Guidelines of the Screening and Diagnosis of Autism recommends cognitive, developmental, adaptive, social-emotional, sensory, communication, and autism measures to be utilized in a comprehensive evaluation. The results of the psychological evaluation yielded diagnoses of Autism Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), which are both medical diagnosis and covered by Louisiana law. The interpretation date was March 26, 2009 and payment has been made in full. This correspondence is given to Mr. and Mrs. Smith with the suggestion to submit to the insurance company with request for reimbursement. It is further recommended that the insurance company be provided a copy of the results if necessary to demonstrate the extent of testing.

It is my understanding that Autism Insurance Coverage (ACT 648) beginning January 2009 ACT 647 (HB958) of 2008 mandates group health insurance plans to cover behavioral treatment or Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and other related services for children with autism. Group health insurance plans renewed for employers in Louisiana with more than 50 employees are now required to provide an annual benefit amount of \$36,000 per year with a lifetime limit of \$144,000 for the **diagnosis and treatment** of autism spectrum disorders to children younger than 17 years of age. As such, an information sheet(s) is enclosed that was created to assist families with accessing this coverage for their children. The parents have paid in full for the evaluation and reimbursement should go to them. Please find attached a detailed billing summary.

Feel free to contact our office at 318-865-2764 if additional documentation and/or information are needed. The following page contains contact data for the Louisiana Department of Insurance, which can provide additional information about ACT 648.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: (3)

Act 648 Parent Tip Sheet
Louisiana Autism Insurance Information Sheet
Billing Summary

Autism Diagnostic Center and Psychological Services
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Smith, John

For more information (and/or for information to file a complaint against an insurance company that is not compliant with this law), please contact:

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