

Pro-social Skills Acquisition Group

Direct services provided in a small group setting designed to assist covered individuals in acquiring and practicing socially valued behaviors, functional independent living skills, employment skills, and inter-personal skills in a peer-to-peer context. Pro-social skills acquisition group services are structured, organized, and curriculum-based services based on generally accepted best practices which assist covered individuals in learning to interact appropriately within multiple environments through the use of strategies that reinforce positive behaviors, teach socially appropriate replacement behaviors, develop coping and anger management skills, and build self-esteem and a positive self image.

Pro-social skills acquisition group services:

- Must be provided face-to-face with the covered individual
- Must be delivered in the provider's commercial facility or in the community
- Are provided in groups of two covered individuals who are not related to one another and not more than 6 covered individuals.
- The ratio of covered individuals to staff cannot exceed a ratio of 6 covered individuals per 1 staff person when the service is provided in the provider's commercial facility and/or 5 covered individuals per 1 staff person when the service is provided in the community.
- Address identified needs of the covered individual for skills acquisition and/or personal development which would best be facilitated in a peer-to-peer group setting as determined by the Child and Family Team.
- Cannot be billed simultaneously with another Community Service.
- Do not include the travel time of the service provider to-and-from the location of service, unless the covered individual is present in the provider's vehicle.
- Cannot be provided by someone who resides in the same residence as the covered individual.
- Does not include time waiting to provide service.
- Cannot exceed more than five hours per billable event, unless pre-authorized by the Care Coordinator.

Unit of Service: 15 minutes

Credentialing Requirement: High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of one year demonstrated proficiency providing similar services to the target population. Valid Texas Driver's license.