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**Center for Autism and Related Disorders Offers Corona Families an Autism Insurance Seminar to Help Parents Gain Access to Funding for Autism Therapy, September 8**

*The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) will host a free Insurance Funding Seminar in Corona on September 8 in an effort to help parents of children with autism navigate the new California Mandated Autism Coverage.*

**CORONA, CA – SEPTEMBER 8, 2012** The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), the world's largest provider of state-of-the-art early intensive behavioral intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders, will host a seminar, "California Insurance Funding for Autism Treatment," to educate families and other caregivers about the California Autism Insurance Mandate (SB 946). The free, two-hour seminar will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Ayres Inn Corona East, located at 2260 Griffin Way in Corona.

As of July 1st, the law requires most insurance providers to cover behavioral health treatment, including applied behavior analysis (ABA), for individuals on the spectrum. "With 1 in every 88 children in America diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, it is important for parents to know their insurance options and learn how to navigate through the insurance process," says CARD Founder and Chief Executive Officer Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. "This new law means that parents and other caregivers will no longer have to worry about whether they can afford treatment that's been proven to recover individuals on the spectrum," says Dr. Granpeesheh. In August 2009, CARD researchers published "Retrospective Analysis of Clinical Records in 38 Cases of Recovery from Autism" in the Annals of Clinical Psychiatry, showing that results of treating autism spectrum disorders can include recovery.

The seminar will provide the most effective ways to access coverage, including:

- Services that insurance companies will and will not cover
- Types of plans and rules regarding coverage
- Effective strategies to maximize your benefits
- How to understand the complexities of different insurance carriers
- Which plans will have to comply with SB 946
- What to know during open enrollment
- How the mandate affects other types of funding (e.g., regional center)

For more information about the seminar and to register, visit: <http://centerforautism.com/insurance-seminar.aspx>.

**About the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD):** CARD treats individuals of all ages with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) around the globe, with 23 treatment centers and a staff of nearly 1,000. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats autism using the principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis (ABA), which has been empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with autism. Many insurance carriers cover ABA as a medically necessary treatment. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General also recommend ABA.

For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com).