



# ABA Services for EPSDT Eligible Medicaid Clients

Provider Discussion

July 15, 2015

# Policy Updates and Overview

- Policy Manual has been posted to <http://health.utah.gov/ltc/asd>
- Interim MIB - Announcing ASD-related EPSDT Services
- Provider Qualifications
  - Diagnosis
  - ABA Services
  - Behavior Analyst in Training
  - BCaBA

# Policy Updates and Overview - Continued



- Services, Rates and Billing
  - ABA Services are “Carved-Out” of ACO and PMHP plans
  - Medicaid Autism Waiver billing codes will be closed for dates of services October 1, 2015 or later
  - New CPT billing codes are now available through EPSDT
    - Services for new clients will be billing with new CPT Codes
    - Waiver clients will transition to new codes between now and 10/1/2015



# Policy Updates and Overview - Continued



- Services
  - Behavioral Assessment
  - Functional Assessment
  - Group Services

# ABA Provider Enrollment Process



- Fill out new “Attachment A for ABA Services Form”
- Fill out Provider Contact and Service Information form
- Provide a copy of BACB Certificate for BCBA’s
- All direct care staff will need to also fill out limited provider enrollment forms
  - Waiver Providers will have 90 days to complete these enrollments
  - Waiver Providers must submit a list of direct care staff with their Attachment A submission
  - New Providers will be required to submit all information in a single packet.

## Attachment A – Authorized Provider Services

- INITIAL ENROLLMENT  
 CHANGE TO EXISTING ENROLLMENT

ASD Related Services

**\*FOR DMHF USE ONLY:\***

Provider #: \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Service: 35

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDER is authorized to participate in the following services (Mark all that apply):**

(X)	Service	*FOR DMHF USE ONLY* MEDICAID PROVIDER TYPE
	ABA Services – Board Certified Behavior Analyst	
	ABA Services – Psychologist	
	ABA Services - Registered Behavior Technician (Limited Enrollment)	

**Qualification Requirements for Service Provision by BCaBAs, 'Behavior Analysts in Training' and Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs)**

By signing this document, you agree that for any individuals who meet the criteria as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) or 'Behavior Analyst in Training', the following minimum requirements will be met:

**BCaBA**

- Deliver services only under the direction of a psychologist or licensed<sup>1</sup> Board Certified Behavior Analyst;
- Be licensed<sup>2</sup> as an assistant behavior analyst under Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing;
- Provide proof of certification by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and have no sanctions or disciplinary actions on their BCaBA certification and/or state licensure; and
- Completion of a criminal background check to include federal criminal, state criminal and sex offender reports;
  - \*Criminal background checks must be current, within a year prior to the Medicaid provider enrollment application; and Criminal background checks must be performed at least every five years thereafter.

**Behavior Analyst in Training**

- Deliver services only under the direction of a psychologist or licensed<sup>3</sup> Board Certified Behavior Analyst;
- Must be enrolled in a behavior analysis course sequence approved by the BACB at an accredited institution of higher education;
- Must be currently enrolled in BCBA coursework

<sup>1</sup> Behavior analysts are required to submit licensure applications to the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing on or before November 15, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Assistant behavior analysts are required to submit licensure applications to the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing on or before November 15, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> As stated in <sup>1</sup>.



### Provider Contact and Service Information

Please provide the following information in order to allow Medicaid to list you as an ABA provider on our website at <http://health.utah.gov/ltc/asd>. This form can be submitted to [kknaras@utah.gov](mailto:kknaras@utah.gov) or faxed to 801-536-0153.

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Area: (please check all which apply):

STATEWIDE (leave county selections blank if checked)

<input type="checkbox"/> Beaver County	<input type="checkbox"/> Box Elder County	<input type="checkbox"/> Cache County	<input type="checkbox"/> Carbon County
<input type="checkbox"/> Daggett County	<input type="checkbox"/> Davis County	<input type="checkbox"/> Duchesne County	<input type="checkbox"/> Emery County
<input type="checkbox"/> Garfield County	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand County	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron County	<input type="checkbox"/> Juab County
<input type="checkbox"/> Kane County	<input type="checkbox"/> Millard County	<input type="checkbox"/> Morgan County	<input type="checkbox"/> Piute County
<input type="checkbox"/> Rich County	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Lake County	<input type="checkbox"/> San Juan County	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanpete County
<input type="checkbox"/> Sevier County	<input type="checkbox"/> Summit County	<input type="checkbox"/> Tooele County	<input type="checkbox"/> Uintah County
<input type="checkbox"/> Utah County	<input type="checkbox"/> Wasatch County	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington County	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne County
<input type="checkbox"/> Weber County			

I acknowledge that I am requesting that Medicaid provide this information and am responsible for keeping the Bureau of Authorization and Community Based Services up to date with any changes that may be required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Provider Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



# ABA Provider Requirements

- Providers must ensure that technicians have RBT certification from BACB by January 1, 2016 or within 6 months of employment for those hired after July 1, 2015
- All direct care staff must:
  - Enroll as a limited provider with Medicaid within 90 days of employment
  - Complete a criminal background check at least every 3 years
- BCaBAs and Behavior Analysts in Training must work under the supervision of a behavioral analyst or licensed psychologist



# Transitioning Waiver Clients

- Letter to Parents and Families
- Transition will be schedule by individual provider
  - Contacted individually
- Submit an ABA Services Prior Authorization Request Form:  
[https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/Forms/PriorAuth\\_ABAservices.pdf](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/Forms/PriorAuth_ABAservices.pdf)
- Submit a copy of the client's existing waiver care plan currently approved waiver care plan
  - Providers requesting services in addition to currently approved utilization levels will be required to submit additional documentation to support need for additional services.
  - Once service authorization is approved, documentation of approval will be sent to providers

# Transitioning Waiver Clients

- Transition period between now and October 1, 2015
- Providers should continue to bill using waiver codes until prior authorization is approved, then use new CPT codes
- Medicaid will work with each provider to facilitate the transition for waiver clients one provider at a time
- Providers will be prioritized based on the number of clients currently in service (most clients first)
- Medicaid will contact providers with a proposed start date shortly
- Transition will begin later this month

# Service Authorization Request for New Clients



- Transition period between now and October 1, 2015
  - Diagnosis
  - Written Prescription
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability



# Other ASD Related State Plan Services



- PT, OT, ST – ACO or FFS
- Co-occurring Mental Health Conditions
- Coordination among providers

Questions



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