



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **Introduction for Providers Who May Like to Be Involved in ABA Services**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

Maryland Medicaid is implementing a new autism benefit for participants under 21 years of age. The new program will be applied behavioral analysis (ABA). Very broadly, applied behavioral analysis is looking at behaviors, the function of those behaviors, the reinforcers of the behaviors, and ways to modify the behavior. This program will start on January, 1, 2017. For participants who are under 21 to access these services, they must have a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation by a qualified health care professional to prescribe ABA services.

Qualified health care professionals include:

- Developmental Pediatricians
- Pediatric Neurologists
- Child Psychiatrists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Neuropsychologists
- Pediatricians

If you would like to receive additional information on becoming an evaluator for the comprehensive diagnostic evaluations, please complete the below survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XHW89R9>



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After an individual has a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation that prescribes ABA, the member can access ABA services. The following ABA therapy services will be available to eligible children/adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):

### **ABA Assessment:**

ABA Assessment and reassessment administered to a child/adolescent by an ABA provider (Psychologist, BCBA-D or BCBA)

### **ABA Therapy:**

Individual therapy administered face to face to a child/adolescent by an ABA provider (Psychologist, BCBA-D, BCBA, BCaBA or RBT)

Group therapy administered to multiple children/adolescents by an ABA provider (Psychologist, BCBA-D, BCBA, BCaBA or RBT)

Social skills group therapy administered to multiple children/adolescents by an ABA provider (Psychologist, BCBA-D or BCBA)

### **ABA Parent Training:**

Individual parent training administered by an ABA provider (Psychologist, BCBA-D, BCBA or BCaBA)

Multiple-family group training administered by an ABA provider (Psychologist, BCBA-D or BCBA)

Beacon Health Options will be conducting four regional informational sessions around the State. Please see the attached "Save the Date" for further information.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Q2832K>



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If you have an interest in providing these services, please also send your email address to:

[abamarylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:abamarylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com) .

We will include you on our provider list to provide you with further information.

We look forward to working with you throughout this new endeavor!