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Nevada Medicaid Applied Behavior Analysis

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Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

“Is the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce meaningful changes in human behavior.”

Source: Behavior Analyst Certification Board <https://www.bacb.com/about-behavior-analysis/>



ABA Policy History

- CMS released guidance in 2014 on Autism Spectrum Disorder under state plan services.
- The most recent State Plan Amendment was approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services January 2019
- ABA services became effective in Nevada on January 1, 2016.
- Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 3700

https://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnv.gov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C3700/MSM_3700_22_01_01.pdf





ABA Policy Overview

- Medicaid recipients aged 0-21
- The service is medically necessary (MSM Chapter 100)
- Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or other condition for which ABA is recognized as medically necessary.
- Diagnosis is submitted on a FA11-F noting the appropriate diagnostic tool
<https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/Downloads/provider/FA-11F.pdf>
- Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 3700
https://dhcfnv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnavgov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C3700/MSM_3700_22_01_01.pdf



ABA Services

- **Focused Model**
 - Treatment directly provided to the individual for a limited number of specific behavioral targets.
- **Comprehensive Model**
 - Treatment provided to the individual for a multiple number of targets across domains of functioning including cognitive, communicative, social and emotional
- **Prior authorization**
 - Required for all services, except the assessment. The Assessment is allowed 1 time every 180 days.
- **Coverage**
 - Assessments
 - Adaptive Behavior Treatment (Individual & Group)
 - Adaptive Behavior Family Treatment without child present
 - Adaptive Behavior Family Treatment with child present





ABA Rates and Codes

ABA Rates

Link to the ABA Fee Schedule

<https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/Rates/FeeSchedules/>

ABA Codes

97151	0373T
97152	97154
0362T	97158
97153	97156
97155	97157

Provider Type 85 – Billing Guide

https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/Downloads/provider/NV_BillingGuidelines_PT85.pdf



Senate Bill 191

- 82nd Legislative Session Senate Bill 191
 - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9938/Text>
- Expands the age from 0-21 to include recipients less than age 27
- Division Plans for implementing this coverage





DHCFP Website

Applied Behavior Analysis

Welcome to the State of Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) webpage. On July 7th, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released guidance on approaches available under the federal Medicaid program for providing medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The DHCFP covers ABA services rendered to Medicaid eligible individuals under age 21, including children with ASD, based on individual determinations of medical necessity.

Definitions

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. A diagnosis of ASD can include Autistic Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), or Asperger's Disorder.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental alterations to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior.

- Resources
- Dashboard

[ABA Services Quarterly Report 2021 Q3 Q4, 2022 Q1 Q2 \(ADA\)](#)

Contact

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Links

[CMS Information Bulletin July 7, 2014](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Autism Treatment Assistance Program \(ATAP\)](#)

[Nevada Autism Coalition](#)

[Nevada Act Early](#)

[CDC Milestone Moments](#)

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Regulatory

[MSM Chapter 1500 - Healthy Kids Program](#)



Questions?



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Commonly Used Acronyms

Applied Behavioral Analysis

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Behavioral Analyst Certification

Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Board Certified Assistant Behavioral Analyst

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

State Plan Amendment

Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy

Medicaid Services Manual

ABA

ASD

BACB

BCBA

BCaBA

CMS

EPSDT

SPA

DHCFP

MSM