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Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Update

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PROVISIONAL LICENSEES AND BORDERING STATE PROVIDERS

In an effort to improve access to services, MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is broadening enrollment criteria for ABA providers to include:

- Provisional licensed behavior analysts
- Provisional licensed assistant behavior analysts
- Provisional licensed psychologists, and
- Bordering state providers

NOTE: A provisional licensee must only provide services allowed under the provisional licensure. A provisional licensee may not operate as an independent practitioner, receive direct payment from MHD or own their own business in the practice of ABA.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

To enroll with the MHD as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst, providers must complete the [Provider Enrollment Application](#) online. Provisional licensees must complete the payment information on the enrollment application with either the supervisor or employer's name and the tax ID number assigned to the payee. Provisional licensees must submit a copy of their permanent license to the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Provider Enrollment Unit upon receipt of license to continue as an MHD provider. Enrollment questions may be directed to the Provider Enrollment Unit at MMAC.ProviderEnrollment@dss.mo.gov.

MHD enrolled psychologists who have ABA in their scope of education, training, and competence may submit documentation of their credentials for consideration. This

documentation may be submitted as a provider update via fax to the Provider Enrollment Unit at 573-634-3105. Include the provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI), the name of a

contact person, an email address, and a phone number with the required documentation. If not already enrolled, psychologists may submit supporting documentation and request approval for the ABA specialty at the time of enrollment. Psychologists will be notified by email whether they have been approved for the ABA specialty.

MEDICAL NECESSITY UPDATE

MHD has also updated guidance on the documentation providers need to submit for initial and continued services. Please see the table below:

Service Type Requested	Required Documentation
ABA Assessment for Intervention Planning (initial)	Diagnostic Evaluation
ABA Assessment for Intervention Planning (periodic re-assessment)	Clinical Rationale (e.g., re-administration of tools, new behavior observed, new environment and participant is responding differently, or lack of adequate progress)
ABA Intervention (initial)	Assessment for Intervention Planning, Intervention Plan
ABA Intervention (continued)	Current Intervention Plan, Progress Data/Graphs, (If progress is not evident, include identification of barriers and strategies to improve effectiveness of interventions.)

REGULATION AMENDED

The above changes were included in an amendment to [13 CSR 70-98.030](#).

EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SCHOOL-BASED IEP DIRECT SERVICES

Effective July 1, 2023 provisional licensed ABA providers can enroll and begin providing ABA services that are included in a MO HealthNet participant's individualized education program (IEP). ABA services that are not included in a participant's IEP are not covered in place of service school (03).

APPLICABILITY

The information in this bulletin applies to the MHD fee-for-service delivery system. MHD managed care members receive ABA services through MHD fee-for-service.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping their MO HealthNet card, calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and choosing Option One or using the Participant Eligibility option in [eMOMED](#). Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan.

[MHD Education and Training](#) offers schedules for interactive web based trainings for providers and general and program specific educational resources.

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