



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification Rate for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) through Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) March 27, 2017

As part of an ongoing initiative to expand access to evidence-based treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), CBH is making every effort to assemble a network of high quality providers who deliver Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. CBH has created [ABA Performance Standards](#) and will be designating BHRS ABA providers who meet or exceed these standards, as demonstrated via the [ABA Designation Application](#). CBH designated ABA providers will be eligible to receive ABA referrals and enhanced ABA rates. The enhanced rate for ABA is intended to acknowledge the need for specialized training, increased supervision, and ongoing workforce development to deliver high quality ABA services.

ABA rates are as follows:

ABA Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC) – \$22.50 per 15 minutes

ABA Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) – \$16.00 per 15 minutes

To assist providers in expanding ABA clinical capacity and becoming CBH ABA designated providers, a [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) has been posted to solicit in-network BHRS providers to participate in an ABA training program. The selected providers will receive 40 hours of a web-based advanced training for a predetermined number of Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS). This training corresponds with the number of required training hours for a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) and is consistent with training requirements for TSS workers per the CBH ABA Performance Standards. There is no cost to providers for this training opportunity. However, CBH requests that providers seriously consider the organizational commitment required to successfully implement and sustain an evidence-based practice prior to applying for the RBT training hours.

CBH has prioritized expanding ABA provider capacity by June 1, 2017. If this process does not yield sufficient capacity to meet members' needs, we will explore procurement options. Questions regarding this Notification can be directed to your Provider Representative.