

Rate Increase for Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®) Providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

As part of an ongoing initiative to expand access to evidence-based treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental disorders, CBH is establishing an enhanced rate for BCBA® providing ABA services.

As a reminder, CBH requires that ABA be delivered by a Licensed Behavior Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder (BSC-ASD) supervised by a **BCBA®** with a preference for direct service delivery by a BCBA.

Effective January 1, 2019, the reimbursement rate for ABA services delivered directly by a BCBA®, employed by an ABA-Designated Provider, will increase per the chart below. The current rates for ABA-Behavioral Specialist Consultant (BSC) (non-BCBA) and ABA-Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) will remain the same.

ABA-BCBA rates will be as follows:

ABA Board Certified Behavior Analyst (ABA-BCBA) - \$35.00 per 15 minutes

Rates will remain the same for the following positions:

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

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

This Bulletin should also serve as a reminder that under Act 62, all providers are expected to coordinate benefits and to exhaust primary insurance coverage prior to accessing CBH as the secondary payor.

All existing ABA-Designated Providers will receive an updated contract with a new level of care (LOC) code of 400-114 to designate ABA-BCBA services. **In no instances is CBH able to back-date any authorizations or provide retroactive payment for services by a BCBA.**

For initial or continuing requests that can be staffed by a BCBA, prescribers may request ABA-BCBA in the evaluation. For cases that will be staffed by a Licensed BSC-ASD with supervision by a BCBA (per the ABA Performance Standards), prescribers may continue to request ABA-BSC in the evaluation.

Providers interested in becoming designated to provide ABA will become eligible for this rate upon approval for designation.

Questions regarding this Bulletin can be directed to your Provider Representative.