

Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation Center (EPIC) Designation for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS)

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) is modifying the process for how Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) licensed providers receive an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) designation status from CBH. This process has been managed by the CBH Clinical Management Department to date. Effective July 15, 2021, the ABA designation process will be aligned with the Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation Center (EPIC) designation process for evidence-based practices in the CBH network.

To become an in-network provider for ABA, providers must:

1. Have an IBHS license approval for ABA.
2. Attest that they meet the CBH Performance Standards for ABA. The most recent version of the ABA Performance Standards can be found in the [CBH Provider Manual](#). The CBH ABA Attestation Form can be found [here](#).
3. Become an ABA designated provider through the EPIC designation process. More information about the EPIC designation process can be found [here](#).

Providers with an IBHS license for ABA who are interested in joining the CBH network may enter an out-of-network contract with CBH and begin serving CBH members. Providers will not be granted in-network status until they complete the CBH ABA Attestation, receive their designation from EPIC, and complete the CBH credentialing and contracting process.

These changes go into effect July 15, 2021, and impact providers seeking their first ABA designation. For currently designated providers, annual re-designation will need to be completed as scheduled through the EPIC process.

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