



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

January 27, 2022

Applied Behavior Analysis Providers

Announcement

Applied Behavior Analysis Services State Plan Amendment Approved

The Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services State Plan Amendment has been approved by CMS. This replaces Autism treatment services. Revised ABA service processes will be in effect as of February 1, 2022.

The [Applied Behavior Analysis Services](#) webpage contains links to the *Montana Medicaid ABA Services Manual*, the *General Information for Providers Manual*, fee schedules, and other Medicaid resources. This webpage will also have a link to the Montana Medicaid Rules (ARM) for ABA services once effective.

Beginning February 1, 2022, members currently receiving Autism treatment services will be able to continue ABA services for 180 days or until 1,260 units of service are used/billed, whichever comes first without needing a prior authorization number for services. At least 14 days prior to the expiration of this initial allowance, providers must submit the ABA Services Additional Units of Service Request and all required documentation for review and approval for the continuation of services through the prior authorization process. **The ABA Services Additional Units of Service Request and ABA Services Required Document Components Checklist are also located on the [Applied Behavior Analysis Services](#) webpage.**

The ABA Intent to Initiate Services form must be submitted to the Department by providers for the initiation of services for any **new** members. Those members will then have an initial 180 days or maximum of 1,260 units of service allowed before a prior authorization is required.

CPT service codes have been expanded to include codes 97151 through 97158. The implementation of these codes is retroactive to August 1, 2021. Please remember that claims may be invoiced or adjusted for up to 365 days after the date of service.

Provider training will be conducted on January 27, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. This training will provide Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and their account or office managers information on program changes, including prior authorization requirements, expanded populations eligible for ABA services, expanded CPT codes, and an introduction to the Telligon and Qualitrac systems, including the onboarding process. Training is scheduled for 1.5 hours. Interested parties may join using the following methods:

- **Join Zoom Meeting Online**

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/81043806907?pwd=RjhHak9ONS9kTnlRUWUrSVJRTS9Ddz09>

Meeting ID: 810 4380 6907

Password: 009105

- **Dial by Telephone**

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 810 4380 6907

Password: 009105

Find your local number: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/u/kAOgAfkro>

- **Join by SIP**
81043806907@zoomcrc.com

The training will be recorded and will be made available online. A subsequent training on entering information required for the prior authorization process will be conducted in February. All updates will be communicated via provider notice and/or via email to the interested parties lists from the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Doggett, Medicaid Program Officer, Developmental Disabilities Program, by email at Barbara.Doggett@mt.gov or by telephone at (406) 444-3878.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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