
CHAPTER 4: APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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BENEFICIARY REQUIREMENTS

Applied behavior analysis (ABA)-based services are available to Medicaid beneficiaries under 21 years of age who:

1. Exhibit the presence of excesses and/or deficits of behaviors that significantly interfere with home or community activities (e.g., aggression, self-injury, elopement, etc.);
2. Have been diagnosed with a condition for which ABA-based therapy services are recognized as therapeutically appropriate, including autism spectrum disorder, by a qualified health care professional;
3. Had a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation by a qualified health care professional; and
4. Have a prescription for ABA-based therapy services ordered by a qualified health care professional.

NOTE: All of the above criteria must be met to receive ABA-based services. If there is a recommendation in the comprehensive diagnostic evaluation (CDE) for ABA therapy, a separate prescription is not needed.