



APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS

Now Available as a Medicaid Covered Service

Medicaid is now covering Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for persons meeting ALL of the following guidelines, as published in the February 2014 Emergency Rule (Louisiana Register, Volume 40, Number 2). The person must:

- Be under 21 years of age;
- Exhibit the presence of excesses and/or deficits of behaviors that significantly interfere with home or community activities (examples include, but are not limited to: aggression, self-injury, elopement, etc.);
- Be medically stable and not require 24-hour medical/nursing monitoring or procedures provided in a hospital or intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID);
- Be diagnosed by a qualified health care professional with a condition for which ABA-based therapy services are recognized as therapeutically appropriate, including autism spectrum disorder; and
- Have a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation by a qualified health care professional and have a prescription for ABA-based therapy services ordered by a qualified health care professional.

To access these services, a person must select a Medicaid enrolled ABA provider. The selected ABA provider must request approval to provide these services by submitting a prior authorization request to Molina Medicaid Solutions.

For assistance in locating an enrolled ABA provider, interested persons should call the Specialty Care Resource Line at **1-877-455-9955** or they may call Medicaid directly at **1-844-423-4762**.