

Provider Memorandum

Adaptive Behavioral Support (ABS) Is a Covered Service

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) began coverage of Adaptive Behavioral Support (ABS) services effective November 1, 2020. ABS services are specialized therapeutic interventions that use a variety of techniques grounded in behavioral science to reduce disruptive behaviors and to increase pro-social behaviors in real-life settings and situations. Note: ABS was previously referred to as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

ABS services are available to individuals under the age of 21 who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as indicated by a Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation who have been referred for ABS services by a physician, and for whom ongoing ABS services are recommended by a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) on a Behavior Assessment and Treatment Plan (BATP).

Provider Qualifications

ABS services may be rendered by the following qualified professionals:

- **Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs)**—BCBAs must be credentialed by the Behavior Analysts Certification Board (BACB) and be licensed as either a Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP) or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), or otherwise qualified individuals per Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) requirements.
- **Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs)**—RBTs must be credentialed by the Behavior Analysts Certification Board (BACB), have a high school diploma or GED, and maintain a written collaborative agreement with a BCBA (or a Behavioral Health Clinic qualified to provide ABS) who provides direct supervision to the RBT.

IMPACT Enrollment

Provider Type	Specialty	Subspecialties	Claim Type
Psychologists	Licensed Clinical Psychologist	No Subspecialty Primary Specialty Board Certified Behavior Analysts	837P
Behavioral Health Services	Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	No Subspecialty Primary Specialty Board Certified Behavior Analysts	837P
Behavioral Health Services	Registered Behavior Technician	No Subspecialty	837P

Covered Services

1. **Behavior Assessment and Treatment Planning (BATP)**. The BATP is the formal assessment and treatment planning process to evaluate a child's current functional impairments and disruptive behaviors, and to identify the treatment goals, objectives, and recommendations for ABS services. BATP and Behavior Analysis Intervention (BAI) services may be conducted by a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) or a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).
2. **Behavior Analysis Intervention (BAI)**. BAI services are therapeutic interventions conducted with the child, or the child's caregiver, to improve the child's functioning and enhance pro-social behaviors through direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationships between environment and behavior.

Prior Authorization

Certain ABS services now require Prior Authorization (PA) through Molina. Providers should refer to Molina's online PA LookUp Tool, found on the provider home pages, as well as the quarterly PA Codification List updates.

Service Codes and Rates

ABS services provided by an RBT seeking reimbursement shall be submitted by the collaborating BCBA (supervising Provider) with the RBT identified as the Rendering Provider in Loop 2310B of the 837P. Providers should refer to the HFS fee schedules for correct codes and rates.

Questions?

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