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APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) PROGRAM REGULATIONS UPDATE

MARCH 12, 2018

In response to provider feedback, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has made several changes to the regulations for Medicaid's ABA program. These changes will become effective April 1, 2018.

These revisions include changes to the covered services as well as a rate increase for the registered behavior technicians (RBTs) and behavior technicians (BTs) who are providing direct ABA treatment to participants. The most significant changes that should be noted are:

1. With prior approval, remote supervision is now a reimbursable service (0368T and 0369T). Providers should bill using the GT modifier to identify supervision that takes place remotely.
2. Providers will now be able to bill for a maximum of 4 hours per month of ABA treatment planning as an indirect service (0360T and 0361T).
3. The reimbursement rate for RBTs/BTs (0364T and 0365T) has been increased from $40 per hour to $55 per hour.

Specific details related to the implementation of these regulation changes can be found in COMAR 10.09.28 at http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html. If you have questions about the new regulations, please submit them to: abamarylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com.

Beacon Health Options would like to invite providers to register for a training regarding the regulation changes. Please use the links below to register for this training.

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In addition, Beacon and Medicaid will host a Joint Operations Team (JOT) call weekly starting Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST. These calls will be available to all providers. Further details will be provided during the trainings.

Providers are invited to attend any of the following trainings in-person or by Webinar. If choosing to join in-person, the trainings will be held at the following location:

Beacon Health Options
1099 Winterson Road, Suite #200
Linthicum, MD 21090

The Password to access the following ABA Training Webinars is:

#ABA2018

Online or In-Person: Maryland Medicaid Overview of ABA Regulation Revisions	**3/26/18** *11:00 am - 12:00 pm EST*	**Webinar: Online Forum** 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=ta3b26a63dcb8109a5b1a0399c26ec97f 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.
Online or In-Person: Maryland Medicaid Overview of ABA Regulation Revisions	**3/28/18** *2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST*	**Webinar: Online Forum** 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=t814dfb30e3aae600e48e8674b4f5254d 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.

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Online or In-Person: Maryland Medicaid Overview of ABA Regulation Revisions	**3/30/18** *10:00 am – 11:00 am EST*	**Webinar: Online Forum** 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=t2a2378d6b97e6694a75206dc635d0ff0 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.
Online or In-Person: Maryland Medicaid Overview of ABA Regulation Revisions	**4/3/18** *1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST*	**Webinar: Online Forum** 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=t22da8cb1c09fc69eedef9c7dd2b0cc2e 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.
Online or In-Person: Maryland Medicaid Overview of ABA Regulation Revisions	**4/5/18** *10:00 am - 11:00 am EST*	**Webinar: Online Forum** 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=tec895b5ebf70c1c471e1588dd4dc8bfa 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.