

IHCP *bulletin*

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ABA therapist specialty added as eligible IHCP provider

Effective December 18, 2017, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will expand its list of eligible providers to include a provider specialty for applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapists. This new provider specialty will allow ABA-certified therapists to enroll as IHCP providers. These providers will be classified using the following provider type and specialty codes: Provider type 11 – *Mental Health Provider* and provider specialty 615 – *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapist*.

To enroll with the IHCP under the new provider specialty, the ABA therapist must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and hold a valid professional license as a health service provider in psychology (HSPP), as defined in *Indiana Code IC 25-33*, or hold a valid board certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral (BCBA-D).



Mental health providers with an ABA therapist specialty (provider type 11/provider specialty 615) can enroll as a billing provider, a group provider, or a rendering provider under a group practice. Group practices with this type and specialty can have only providers with specialty code 615 – *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapist* linked to the group as rendering providers. ABA therapists can be enrolled as rendering providers with the following types of group practices:

- Type 11 – *Mental Health Provider* with the following specialty codes:
 - ⇒ 110 – *Outpatient Mental Health Clinic*
 - ⇒ 111 – *Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)*
 - ⇒ 114 – *Health Service Provider in Psychology (HSPP)*
 - ⇒ 615 – *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapist*
- Type 08 – *Clinic* with the following specialty codes:
 - ⇒ 082 – *Medical Clinic*
 - ⇒ 087 – *Therapy Clinic*
- Type 31 – *Physician*
 - ⇒ All specialties

Effective March 1, 2018, reimbursement of ABA services will be made only to enrolled ABA therapists and enrolled school corporations. New providers that want to provide ABA services, or providers already enrolled that want to continue being reimbursed for ABA services for dates of service (DOS) on or after March 1, 2018, must do one of the following:

- Enroll as a mental health provider with an ABA therapist specialty (provider type 11/provider specialty 615) to obtain an IHCP Provider ID for billing purposes.
- Providers already enrolled as a licensed HSPP (provider type 11/provider specialty 114) must add the new ABA specialty to their enrollment profile. This update must be made before March 1, 2018, to be reimbursed for DOS beginning March 1, 2018.
- Providers already enrolled as one of the identified group provider types and specialties listed in this bulletin, must have an enrolled ABA therapist linked to the service locations providing the ABA services before March 1, 2018, to be reimbursed for DOS beginning March 1, 2018.



Enrolled school corporations will continue to be reimbursed for ABA services and do not need to make any changes to their enrollment profiles.

QUESTIONS?

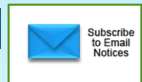
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