



**Louisiana Department of Health
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Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services

Effective Feb. 1, 2018, managed care organizations (MCOs) will be responsible for providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to their members. MCOs must follow the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) [ABA manual](#) and the LDH [fee schedule](#).

All credentialed ABA providers will have an enrolled effective date of Feb. 1, 2018 with the MCOs.

Prior authorization (PA) for ABA services, approved by Molina prior to Feb. 1, 2018, will remain in effect through the PA expiration date. Starting Jan. 20, 2018, providers cannot submit new PA requests to Molina. A new Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation (CDE) will not be required for a PA approved by Molina prior to Feb. 1, 2018. However, a copy of the CDE may be requested by the MCO. As Molina's PAs expire, re-authorizations should be submitted to the recipient's MCO.

A transition period will be in place from Feb. 1, 2018 through Mar. 1, 2018. During this period, no PA will be required and no claims can be denied for lack of a PA. For this period only, units of service will be based upon a monthly pro rata share of the total units last authorized by Molina.

During the transition period, claims cannot be denied because the provider is out-of-network. For dates of service after March 1, 2018, a claim may be denied by the MCO if the provider is not in-network on the date of service.

ABA TRANSITION TABLE

	180 Day Prior Authoriation Period before 2/1/18	1 month transition period from 2/1/18 to 3/1/18
40 HR/Wk		
30 min/unit	1,920	320
1 hour/unit	3,920	640
30 HR/Wk		
30 min/unit	1,440	240
1 hour/unit	2,880	480
15 HR/Wk		
30 min/unit	720	120
1 hour/unit	1,440	240
10 HR/Wk		
30 min/unit	480	80
1 hour/unit	960	160