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**Applied Behavior Analysis**

**What is Applied Behavior Analysis or ABA?**

Behavior analysis is based on a scientific study of how people learn. Through research, therapeutic techniques have been developed that increase useful behavior (including communication) and reduce harmful behavior. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy uses these techniques.

The program is State Plan service and is administered through Molina Medicaid Solutions.

**Who can get ABA services?**

To be eligible for ABA services you must:

1. Be a Medicaid or LaCHIP recipient;
2. Be less than 21 years old;
3. Exhibit the presence of excesses and/or deficits of behaviors that significantly interfere with home or community activities;
4. Be examined and diagnosed by a qualified provider (like a psychologist, psychiatrist or a pediatrician who specializes in behavior disorders), as having a condition that is known to respond to ABA services, including autism spectrum disorder; and
5. Have a comprehensive diagnostics evaluation that prescribes and /or recommends ABA services that is conducted by a qualified health care provider.

**If a Health Plan believes that a child meets these qualifications and is in need of ABA services they should forward the child's name, date of birth, Medicaid ID, parent or guardian's name and phone number to [rene.huff@la.gov](mailto:rene.huff@la.gov). For assistance in accessing the service, the parent should contact Medicaid at the toll free ABA number 1-844-423-4762.**