

CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND COMMISSION
POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Applied Behavior Analysis
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I. **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund may reimburse expenses related to Applied Behavior Analysis for children.

In determining providers' eligibility for reimbursement (N.J.A.C. 10:155-1.11(a)(4)), the Fund may reimburse board certified behavior analysts (BCBA), and board certified assistant behavior analysts (BCABA) when under the ongoing supervision of a BCBA.

The State Office will monitor implementation of the Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act (P.L. 2019, c. 337) to determine when the Fund might require demonstration of state licensure to reimburse applied behavior analysis expenses.

Any payments for Applied Behavior Analysis are subject to the limits on Fund disbursements (caps) described at N.J.A.C. 10:155-1.7.

II. **DEFINITIONS:**

Applied behavior analysis means the practice of designing, implementing, and evaluating instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior, including the empirical identification of functional relations between behavior and environmental factors, known as functional assessment and analysis. See P.L. 2019, c. 337.

Board certified applied behavior analyst means a person who holds current, valid certification to practice applied behavior analysis. For purposes of Fund reimbursement, this means a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (**BCBA**) or Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral (**BCBA-D**).

Board certified assistant applied behavior analyst means a person who holds a current, valid certification to practice applied behavior analysis under the ongoing supervision of a board certified applied behavior analyst. For purposes of Fund reimbursement, this means a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (**BCABA**) practicing with a current state license under the supervision of a BCBA or BCBA-D.

II. PROCEDURE:

When processing applications with ABA expenses, staff should request:

1. Physician diagnosis and authorization of ABA treatment;
2. Credentials (board certification) of the therapist (BCBA, BCBA-D, or BCABA under supervision of a BCBA or BCBA-D);
3. Clinical summary reports signed by the provider, including service dates, long- and short-term goals and reference to any coordination with other providers;
4. Itemized bills for services, including name of child, date of service, and nature of service;
5. Insurance status and explanations of benefits (EOBs); and
6. Proof of payment.

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