

**DHCFP Applied Behavior Analysis
Rates Public Workshop Minutes
March 16, 2015 – 11:00 am and 2:00 pm**

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DHCFP provided a DRAFT Rate Fee Schedule for discussion. Refer to Workshop handout.

There are three proposed rate tiers based on provider qualifications and enrollment:

Level 1 – Specialty Codes 310 and 311

Licensed Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and Psychologist

Level 2 – Specialty Code 312

Licensed Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)

Level 3 – Specialty Codes 313 and 314

Certified Autism Behavior Interventionist (CABI) and Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)

DHCFP is anticipating submittal to CMS of both the ABA Rate Methodology SPA and the ABA Services SPA in October 2015 with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

DHCFP reiterated that these rates are DRAFT and subject to change. After we gather feedback from this workshop we will revise our Draft Rates proposal and if necessary, the potential exists to schedule another public workshop, possibly in May.

DHCFP will review with ATAP staff to ensure our rates are comparable to existing ATAP rates.

It was requested that DHCFP review Procedure Code 0359T as a timed code. Providers are concerned that the initial assessment will take several hours to complete and the proposed rate will not allow for such an in-depth assessment. DHCFP identified the code as an occurrence code, and not a timed code. DHCFP will review the proposed rate for the code.

DHCFP was asked about “caps” on services. Policy was written to allow for individual treatment planning and hours of treatment in accordance with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) and medical necessity. DHCFP indicated any questions specific to policy can be addressed by contacting Shannon Sprout @ [ABAServices.dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:ABAServices.dhcfp.nv.gov).

DHCFP staff advised that providers should consult CPT guidance for examples of using the proposed codes. DHCFP cannot change the description of these codes or the time frames referenced in the CPT book. DHCFP also referred providers to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) Practice Guidelines for ABA treatment services.

Questions were raised about ABA services for patients in rural areas. Stakeholders asked if DHCFP could explore ways to ensure access to rural patients.

DHCFP staff encouraged additional input once stakeholders had fully reviewed the proposed rates and requested any information on how the proposed rates compare to other established ABA rates. Some stakeholders indicated that they would be providing additional feedback.

DHCFP stated that this is a “New Program” and as such there are many unknowns. DHCFP will monitor and revisit and make changes as necessary once we are able to determine actual utilization and the needs of the patients and providers.