

SOUTH DAKOTA MEDICAID

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS COVERAGE FACT SHEET

MEDICAID COVERAGE

South Dakota Medicaid covers applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy services for children age 20 and younger. Services must be provided by a provider who meets South Dakota Medicaid's enrollment requirements. This includes providers such as physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and BCBA's who are also credentialed as a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or another qualified provider.

Applied behavior analysis therapy requires a two-part prior authorization:

1. Prior Authorization for ABA Assessment & Care Plan Development
2. Prior Authorization of ABA Care Plan & Direct Services
 - Re-authorization of Care Plan & Direct Services every 6 Months

NEXT STEPS

South Dakota Medicaid recognizes the limited capacity of this provider group, especially for the provision of the direct ABA services. South Dakota Medicaid will pursue steps over the next year to identify opportunities to expand provider capacity for applied behavior analysis services. The state is also looking at provider capacity from a broader perspective:

Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Workgroup

Senate Bill 190 created a workgroup to study and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the certification and licensure of applied behavior analysis therapy providers. The workgroup is expected to make a final report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2015.

PARENT & PROVIDER RESOURCES

South Dakota Medicaid Website: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/>

- Prior Authorization Criteria
- Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy Fee Schedule
- South Dakota Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application

2014 South Dakota Autism Study: <http://dlr.sd.gov/autism/>

2015 Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Workgroup:
<http://dhs.sd.gov/AutismTherapyWorkgroup/>

QUESTIONS?

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