

Texas Medicaid: After a decade of advocacy, there is still work to be done

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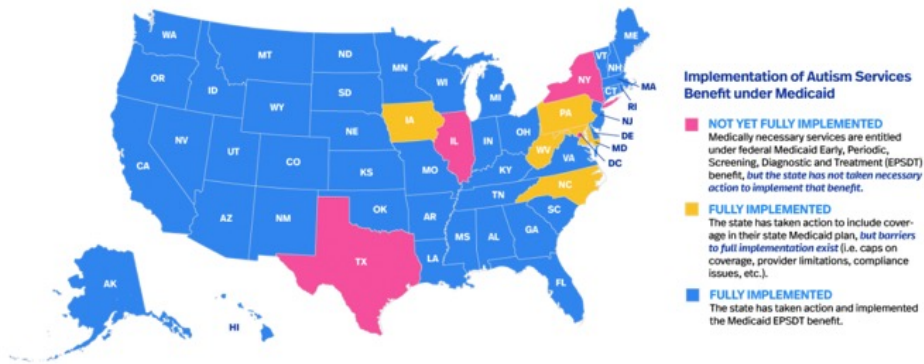
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Brief History of the ABA Medicaid Benefit

Medicaid EPSDT Coverage of Autism Services



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CMCS Informational Bulletin

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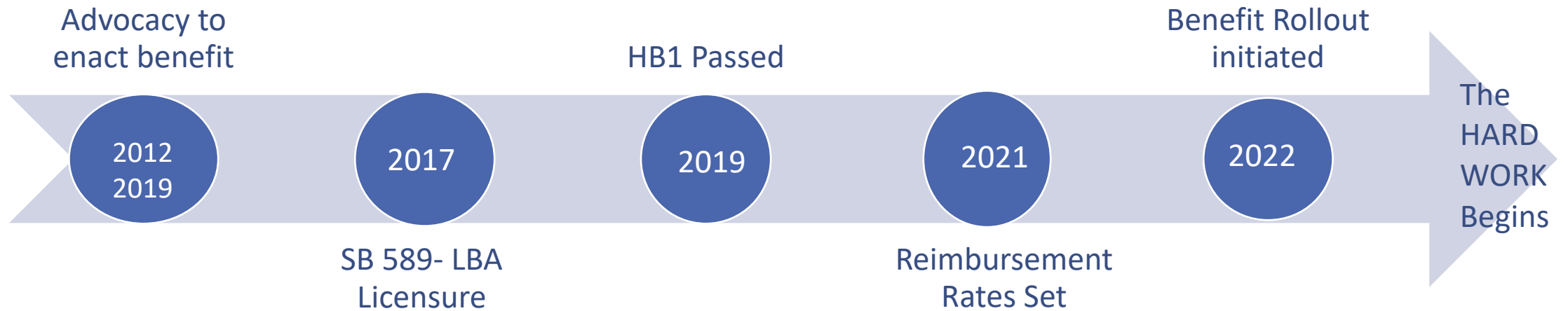
FROM: Cindy Mann, Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

SUBJECT: Clarification of Medicaid Coverage of Services to Children with Autism

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Intensive Behavioral Intervention. Contingent on the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) adding intensive behavioral intervention (IBI) as a Medicaid benefit for persons under age 20* with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, HHSC may expend funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Children, to reimburse for provision of IBI services.

Timeline



Initial Advocacy Efforts- 2012- 2015

From 2012-2015 Approximately 10 children gain access to ABA through the state Medicaid plan without a State Plan Amendment

HHSC stops approving clients, citing language from CMS July 2014 informational bulletin regarding “Other Licensed Practitioners”

Behavior Analysts in Texas, say, “ok, we’ll get licensed”.

Other Licensed Practitioner Services

Other Licensed Practitioner services (OLP) services, defined at 42 CFR 440.60, are “medical or remedial care or services, other than physicians’ services, provided by licensed practitioners within the scope of practice as defined under State law.” If a state licenses practitioners who furnish services to address ASD, the state may elect to cover those providers under this section of their state plan even if the providers are not covered under other sections of the plan (e.g., physical therapist, occupational therapist, etc.). A state would need to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) to add the new licensed provider to their Medicaid plan. The SPA must describe the provider’s qualifications and include a reimbursement methodology for paying the provider.

In addition, services that are furnished by non-licensed practitioners under the supervision of a licensed practitioner could be covered under the OLP benefit if the criteria below are met:

- Services are furnished directly by non-licensed practitioners who work under the supervision of the licensed practitioners;
- The licensed provider is able to furnish the service being provided;
- The state’s Scope of Practice Act for the licensed practitioners specifically allows the licensed practitioners to supervise the non-licensed practitioners who furnish the service;
- The state’s Scope of Practice Act also requires the licensed practitioners to assume professional responsibility for the patient and the service furnished by the unlicensed practitioner under their supervision; and
- The licensed practitioners bill for the service;

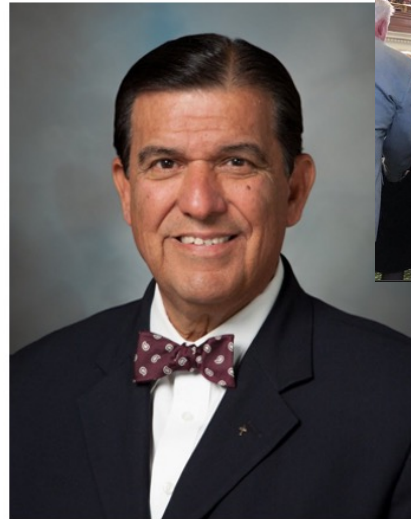
SB 589- Licensed Behavior Analysts

S.B. No. 589

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the licensing and regulation of behavior analysts and
3 assistant behavior analysts; requiring an occupational license;
4 imposing fees.




Representative Ron Simmons



Senator Eddie Lucio





TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
LICENSING & REGULATION

LICENSE TYPES <small>REGULATED BY TDLR</small>	APPLY/RENEW <small>LICENSES, CHANGE INFO, ETC.</small>	DRIVER EDUCATION <small>PARENT TAUGHT, FORMS, ETC.</small>	SEARCH SITE <small>LICENSES, VIOLATIONS, ETC.</small>	CONTINUING EDUCATION <small>FOR PROGRAMS AND PROVIDERS</small>
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We got licensed... give us Medicaid coverage



Cecile Erwin Young
Executive Commissioner

February 3, 2022

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers
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Mail Stop S2-25-26
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Dear Ms. Kristian:

On October 1, 2021, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) submitted Texas 1115 Demonstration Amendment 19 requesting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval to allow HHSC to reimburse managed care organizations (MCOs) for applied behavior analysis (ABA) services on a non-risk basis.

Amendment 19 proposed the following:

HHSC requested an amendment to waive Section 1903(m) of the Social Security Act and related regulations including 42 CFR 438.2 to allow certain non-risk payments to MCOs pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 447.362.

HHSC's waiver amendment submission was proposed to allow for CMS approval of the non-risk methodology that HHSC will use to pay the managed care organizations for providing the ABA services. ABA services will still be covered as an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) service to the extent required by 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(43). ABA services for Medicaid-enrolled children/youth with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) would include: behavior identification assessment; individual and group treatment by protocol; individual and group treatment with protocol modification;

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We did it!



Draft policy



Autism Services-Medicaid Draft Policy Comment Responses

The comment period for the Medicaid Autism Services policy was from September 24, 2019 through October 7, 2019. During this period, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received comments from stakeholders. A summary of comments relating to the proposed policy and HHSC's responses follow.

Medicaid Autism Services: HHSC Responses to Public Comments on Posted Draft Policy

HHSC has posted its responses to public comments on the draft policy for Applied Behavior Analysis Services within the Medicaid Autism Services policy.

Find it on the [Medicaid Medical & Dental Policies webpage](#).

On July 15, 2021, the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership posted a [Provider Notification](#) about Licensed Behavior Analyst enrollment to provide Medicaid ABA services.

TMHP will begin accepting applications on July 30. The final policy language [will be posted in the Recent News section](#) on the TMHP website.

[Email HHSC](#) if you have questions.

Hurricanes, COVID and a Power Grid disaster



Rate hearings

HHSC Public Rate Hearing

Proposed Medicaid Payment Rates for the Medical Policy Review of Autism Services

- Tuesday, March 16, 2021
- Hearing begins at 9:00 AM
- Testimony related to proposed Medicaid reimbursement rates for the Medical Policy Review of Autism Services
- Proposed Effective dates of February 1, 2022
- Briefing Packets can be found at: <https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>
- Questions and comments may be sent to PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov



Medical Policy Attachment 1 - Autism Services - (Proposed to be effective February 1, 2022)

TOS*	Procedure Code	Long Description	Modifier 1	Age Range	Non-Facility (N)/ Facility (F)	CURRENT		2/1/2022		Percent Change from Current Medicaid
						Current Medicaid Fee	Adjusted Medicaid Fee	Proposed Medicaid Fee	Adjusted Medicaid Fee	
1	97151	**	HO	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$24.71	\$24.71	100.00%
1	97153	**		0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$7.58	\$7.58	100.00%
1	97154	**		0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$1.26	\$1.26	100.00%
1	97155	**	HO	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$21.06	\$21.06	100.00%
1	97155	**	HM	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$16.85	\$16.85	100.00%
1	97156	**	HO	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$20.00	\$20.00	100.00%
1	97156	**	HM	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$16.00	\$16.00	100.00%
1	97158	**	HO	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$3.51	\$3.51	100.00%
1	97158	**	HM	0-20		Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$2.81	\$2.81	100.00%
1	99366	**		0-20	N	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$9.54	\$9.54	100.00%
1	99366	**		0-20	F	Not a Benefit	Not a Benefit	\$8.98	\$8.98	100.00%

*Type of Service (TOS)

1	Medical Services
Modifier	
HO	Licensed behavior analyst
HM	Licensed assistant behavioral analyst

HHSC Public Rate Hearing

Biennial Calendar Fee Review, Policy Updates, and Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates

- Friday, November 19, 2021
- Hearing begins at 1:00 PM
- Testimony related to updates to Medicaid Reimbursement rates and Revenue Codes
- Proposed Effective date: March 1, 2022, except as noted
- Briefing Packets can be found at: <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>
- ESRD packet removed revenue codes 0634, 0635 and 0636 from being end dated. No action is being taken on these revenue codes.
- Questions and comments may be sent to: PFD_Hospitals@hhs.state.tx.us for ESRD revenue codes and PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov for all other rates.



Autism Services

TOS*	Procedure Code	Modifier**	Age Range	Non-Facility (N)/ Facility (F)	Medicaid Fee Effective 2/1/2022	Percent Reduction	Adjusted Medicaid Fee Effective 2/1/2022	Medicaid RVU Effective 3/1/2022	Medicaid Conversion Factor Effective 3/1/2022	Medicaid Fee Effective 3/1/2022	Percent Reduction	Adjusted Medicaid Fee Effective 3/1/2022
1	97151	HO	0-20		\$24.71	0.00%	\$24.71			\$24.71	0.00%	\$24.71
1	97153		0-20		\$7.58	0.00%	\$7.58			\$11.25	0.00%	\$11.25
1	97154		0-20		\$1.26	0.00%	\$1.26			\$1.88	0.00%	\$1.88
1	97155	HO	0-20		\$21.06	0.00%	\$21.06			\$21.06	0.00%	\$21.06
1	97155	HN	0-20		\$16.85	0.00%	\$16.85			\$16.85	0.00%	\$16.85
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**Modifier: HO = Licensed Behavior Analyst, HN = Licensed Assistant Behavioral Analyst

Education & Public Policy Initiatives



ABA in the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder
Policy Council for Children and Families: November 30, 2021


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President, Texas Association for Behavior Analyst Public Policy Group



Presentation: Applied Behavioral Analysis in the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder

November 30, 2021





TEXAS MEDICAID ABA SERVICES PROVIDER WEBINAR


Co-hosted by TxABA Public Policy Group & The Council of Autism Service Providers


**Friday, October 29th
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CDT**

Join us via Zoom to get the most up-to-date information regarding the new Medicaid ABA benefit

This webinar will be for providers only. Registration is required & can be completed here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_yo7hiv-BQrKT970F-JAU1A

Complete TxABA PPG's Provider Survey regarding the Medicaid Autism Benefit here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/PKFGYx8tvz>





TXABA PUBLIC POLICY GROUP PRESENTS:

MEDICAID TOWNHALL FOR PARENTS

Join us via zoom using the link provided in this post. TxABA PPG Officers will provide an update for families on the status of rolling out Medicaid ABA benefits. Q&A to follow time permitting.

DECEMBER 07, 1:00-2:00PM

Women's Public Policy: Creating Large-Scale Change in Behavior Analysis - Berenice de la Cruz

Introductions:



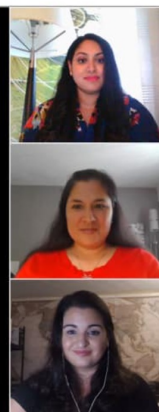
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Policy Council for Children and Families (PCCF)

August 31, 2021
Full Committee Meeting
9:00 AM

Provider Enrollment, Contracting & Credentialing

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Provider Enrollment on the Portal Instructions

Page Filters

These pages will guide you through each stage of the enrollment process using PEP. To customize this page's content, use the filters below and click the **Apply Filters** button.

Application Type:

☐ New Enrollment
☐ Re-Enrollment
☐ Add to an Existing Enrollment
☐ Revalidation

Program(s):

☒ Traditional Medicaid
☐ CSHCN Services Program
☐ Texas Health Steps Medical

Are you ready to enroll?

Log In and Select Your Enrollment Type

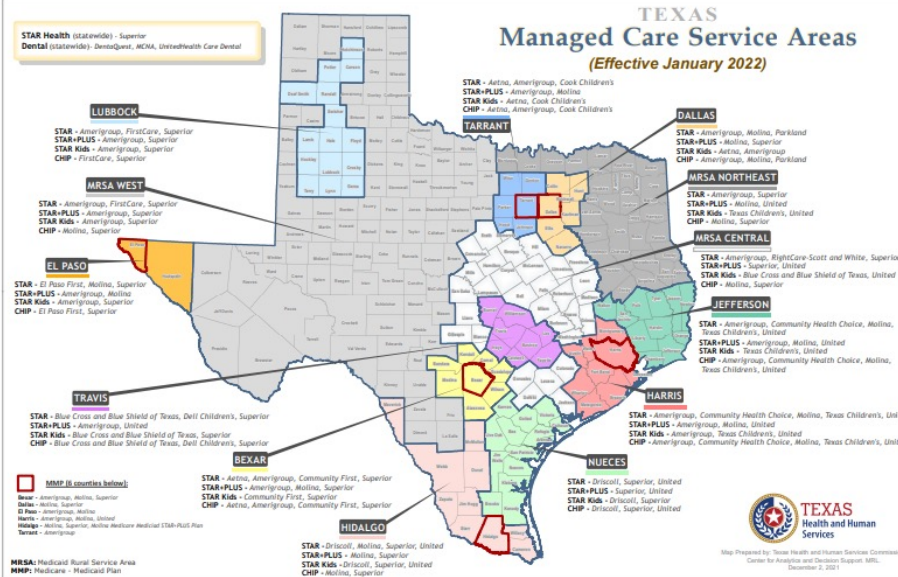
- Log in to Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP) on tmhp.com.
- Click **Enrollment**.
- Enter a name for your application in the "Please name your application" field.
- Select an enrollment option.
 - New Enrollment—New providers that have never been issued a Texas Provider Identifier (TPI)
 - Existing providers who are enrolling with a new Medicare number
 - Existing providers who are adding a practice location or Tax ID
 - Existing providers who are adding a provider type or provider specialty
 - Existing providers who are enrolling in Texas Health Steps (medical or dental) or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program
 - Existing providers who have a Change of Ownership
 - Re-Enrollment—Providers who are reinstating a terminated Texas Provider Identifier (TPI)
- Select an existing TPI from the "Please Select a TPI" drop-down menu.

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[Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\)](#)

TEXAS Managed Care Service Areas (Effective January 2022)



STAR Health (statewide) - Superior
Dental (statewide) - Denquest, HCA, UnitedHealth Care Dental

LUBBOCK
STAR - Amerigroup, FirstCare, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Superior
STAR Kids - Amerigroup, Superior
CHIP - FirstCare, Superior

MARSA WEST
STAR - Amerigroup, FirstCare, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Superior
STAR Kids - Amerigroup, Superior
CHIP - Molina, Superior

EL PASO
STAR - El Paso First, Molina, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Molina
STAR Kids - Amerigroup, Superior
CHIP - El Paso First, Superior

TRAVIS
STAR - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Dell Children's, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, United
STAR Kids - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Superior
CHIP - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Dell Children's, Superior

BEXAR
STAR - Aetna, Amerigroup, Community First, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Molina, Superior
STAR Kids - Community First, Superior
CHIP - Aetna, Amerigroup, Community First, Superior

HIDALGO
STAR - Driscoll, Molina, Superior, United
STAR-PLUS - Molina, Superior
STAR Kids - Driscoll, Superior, United
CHIP - Molina, Superior

TARRANT
STAR - Aetna, Amerigroup, Cook Children's
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Molina
STAR Kids - Aetna, Cook Children's
CHIP - Aetna, Amerigroup, Cook Children's

DALLAS
STAR - Amerigroup, Molina, Parkland
STAR-PLUS - Molina, Superior
STAR Kids - Aetna, Amerigroup
CHIP - Amerigroup, Molina, Parkland

MARSA NORTHEAST
STAR - Amerigroup, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Molina, United
STAR Kids - Texas Children's, United
CHIP - Molina, Superior

MARSA CENTRAL
STAR - Amerigroup, RightCare-Scott and White, Superior
STAR-PLUS - Superior, United
STAR Kids - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, United
CHIP - Molina, Superior

JEFFERSON
STAR - Amerigroup, Community Health Choice, Molina, Texas Children's, United
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Molina, United
STAR Kids - Texas Children's, United
CHIP - Amerigroup, Community Health Choice, Molina, Texas Children's, United

HARRIS
STAR - Amerigroup, Community Health Choice, Molina, Texas Children's, United
STAR-PLUS - Amerigroup, Molina, United
STAR Kids - Amerigroup, Texas Children's, United
CHIP - Amerigroup, Community Health Choice, Molina, Texas Children's, United

NUECES
STAR - Driscoll, Superior, United
STAR-PLUS - Superior, United
STAR Kids - Driscoll, Superior
CHIP - Driscoll, Superior, United

MMP (in counties below)
Dent - Amerigroup, Molina, Superior
Dent - Aetna, Superior
El Paso - Amerigroup, Molina
Harris - Amerigroup, Molina, United
Hidalgo - Molina, Superior, Molina Medicare Medical Staff-Plus Plan
Tarrant - Amerigroup

MARSA: Medicaid Rural Service Area
MHP: Medicare - Medicaid Plan

Map Prepared by: Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Center for Analysis and Decision Support (CADS)
December 2, 2021

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[Start New Enrollment](#)

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NPI & Enrollment Information

Welcome to the Provider Enrollment Management System (PEMS)

Basic Instructions

When you Select **Start New Enrollment**, a new record will be created using your National Provider Identifier(NPI) or Atypical Provider Identifier (API).

*Note: If you accidentally **Start New Enrollment**, select 'Cancel' below, or the **back button** on your web browser to return to your dashboard view.*

PEMS bases each enrollment/registration application on the applying provider or participant's NPI or API.

Providers and Participants who would like to enroll or register in Texas health-care programs must do so under one of three categories determined by their NPI or API: **Provider, Atypical Provider, or Individual Transportation Participant.**

The hard work should be done...



Challenge #1- TMHP



 Provider |  Client/Cliente



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Beginning July 30, 2021, Licensed Behavior Analyst Providers Can Submit Texas Medicaid Enrollment Applications

Last updated on 7/13/2021

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PEMS Versus PEP – The Differences Explained

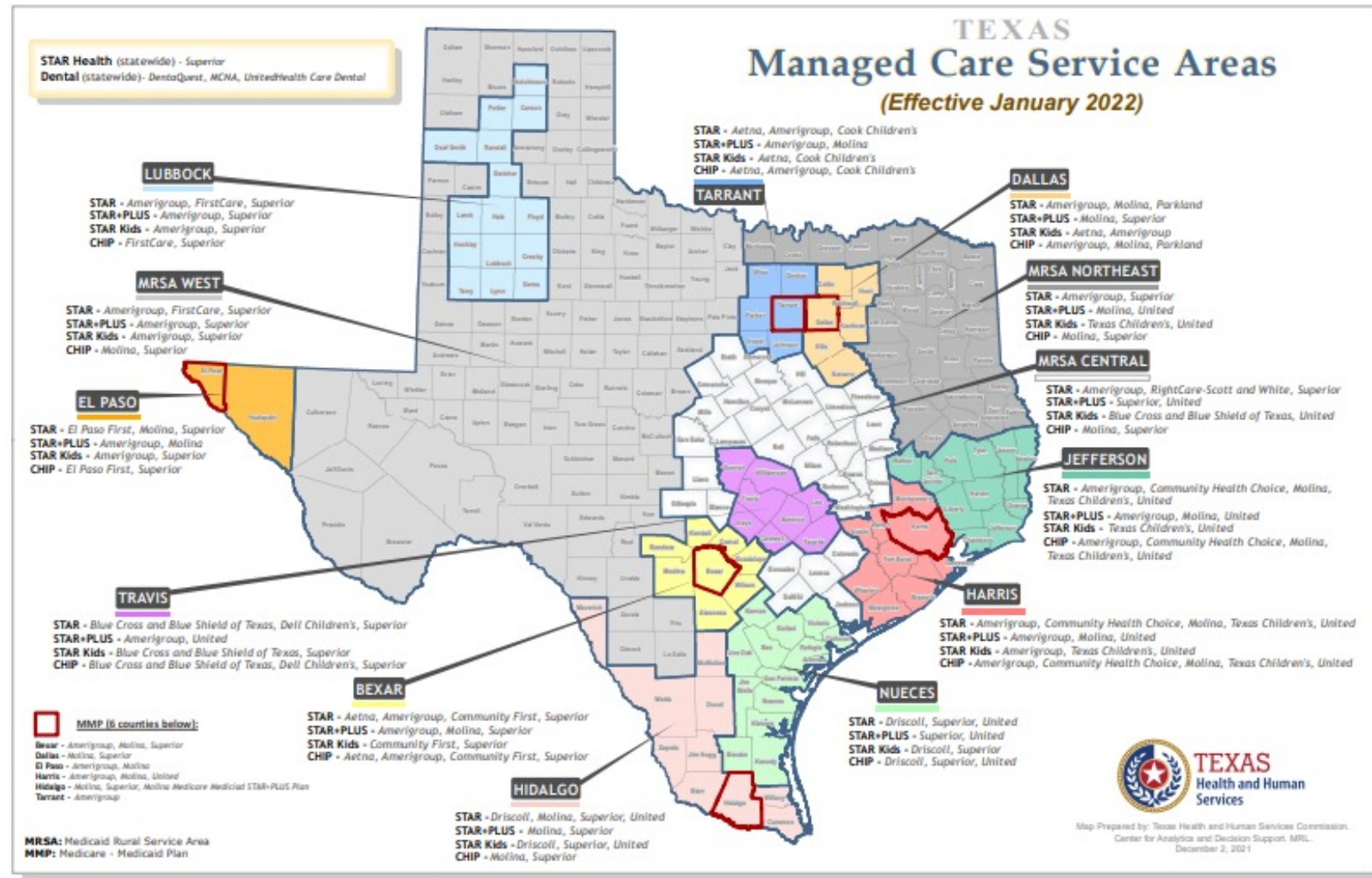
December 9, 2021

The Provider Enrollment and Management System is coming soon. Provider enrollment functions will be available through PEMS. Providers must use the new system to enroll in Texas Medicaid starting Dec. 13, 2021. The new system will be the single tool for:

- Provider enrollment
- Reenrollment
- Revalidation
- Maintenance requests including maintaining and updating provider enrollment record information

Review the [YouTube video, PEMS: Provider Enrollment and Management System](#) which compares PEMS and PEP.

Challenge #2- MCOs








Challenge #3- No one is following the rules

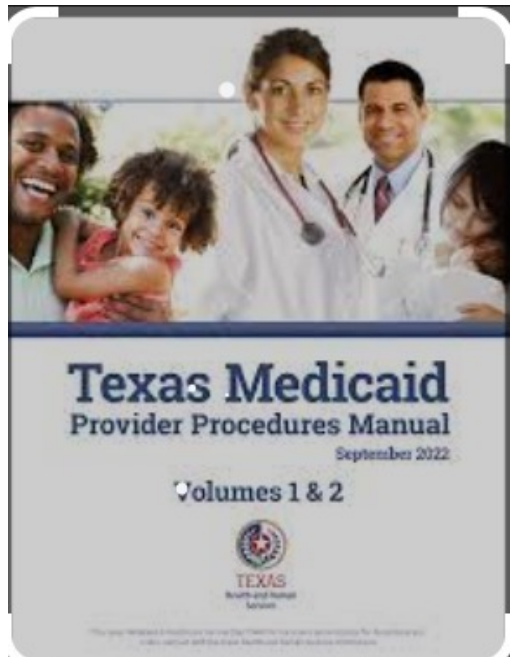
[Optum - Provider Express Home](#) > [Clinical Resources](#) > [Applied Behavior Analysis Information](#) > Texas Medicaid ABA Program

Texas Medicaid ABA Program

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Texas, is one of the selected managed care plans providing coverage to Texas Medicaid enrollees. Optum has been selected by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to develop and manage the ABA network for Texas Medicaid members, effective February 1, 2022.

To assist you in your participation in this program, learn more about the process for applying to the network, and the clinical protocols required in this unique network, please review the resource materials below.

- [Texas Medicaid ABA Provider Orientation](#) 
- [Texas Medicaid ABA Quick Reference Guide](#) 
- [ABA Treatment Request Form Electronic Submission](#) 
(Treatment Requests can also be faxed to 1-877-217-6068)
- [Member Attendance Log sample](#) 
- [Parent Attendance Log sample](#) 



News & Publications

- ▶ Handbooks
- ▶ State-, Plan- & EAP-Specific Information
- ▶ Provider Focus
- ▶ Spotlight

Texas Medicaid

For the latest information on flexibilities and extensions due to COVID-19, refer to the [Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership](#) and [Texas Health and Human Services Commission](#) websites.

Crisis line for individuals impacted by Texas school shooting

Magellan offers a complimentary 24-hour crisis line for individuals impacted by the elementary school shooting that occurred in Uvalde, Texas on May 24. The toll-free number to access **free, confidential consultation services** is **1-800-327-7451**. In addition, PsychHub has created a publicly accessible [trauma response toolkit](#) you may wish to share with your patients.

Plan-specific information

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas

- [BCBS TX Medicaid Provider Handbook Supplement](#) (PDF)
- [BCBS TX Provider Quick Reference Guide](#) (PDF)
- [Texas STAR Kids](#)
- [Texas Standard Prior Authorization Request Form for Health Care Services](#)
- For Texas Medicaid ABA resources, [sign in](#) to this website.

Dell Children's Health Plan

- [DCHP TX Medicaid Provider Handbook Supplement](#) (PDF)
- [DCHP Provider Quick Reference Guide](#) (PDF)
- [Texas Standard Prior Authorization Request Form for Health Care Services](#)
- For Texas Medicaid specific ABA resources, [sign in](#) to this website.

Challenge #4- Inaccuracies

CCP Prior Authorization Request Form

Submit your prior authorization using TMHP's PA on the Portal and receive request decisions more quickly than faxed requests. With PA on the Portal, documents will be immediately received by the PA Department, resulting in a quicker decision. Fax requests must be scanned and data entered before the PA Department receives them, which can take up to 24 hours. To access PA on the Portal, go to www.tmhp.com and select "Prior Authorization" from the Topics drop-down menu. Then click the PA on the Portal button and enter your TMHP Portal Account user name and password. To submit by fax, send to 512-514-4212.

Note: If any portion of this form is incomplete, it may result in your prior authorization request being pended for additional information.



Texas Standard Prior Authorization Request Form for Health Care Services

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Texas Department of Insurance

Please read all instructions below before completing this form.

Please send this request to the issuer from whom you are seeking authorization. **Do not send this form** to the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, or the patient's or subscriber's employer.



Children's Autism Program (CAP)

2.3.11.2 ABA Initial Evaluation

To request prior authorization for an ABA initial evaluation, LBAs or prescribing providers must submit the following:

- Documentation of comprehensive diagnostic assessment or reconfirmation of diagnosis for ASD signed and dated by the diagnosing physician and dated within 3 years prior to the date that the PA request for ABA initial evaluation is received.
- A completed CCP Prior Authorization Request Form, signed and dated by a prescribing provider within 60 calendar days prior to or on the anticipated evaluation date requested.
- The authorization for the initial ABA evaluation (procedure code 97151) is valid for 60 days from the requested evaluation date.
- When the request for prior authorization is signed and dated after the requested evaluation date, dates of service prior to the prescribing provider's signature date will be denied.

A request for prior authorization for an ABA initial evaluation must be submitted within 60 days prior to or on the requested evaluation date.

When the request for prior authorization is submitted after the requested evaluation date, dates of service prior to the receive date will be denied.

Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services Program Transition

June 13, 2016

Beginning Sept. 1, 2016, the state agency known as the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) will be dissolved and several of its programs will be transferred to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Challenge #5- Educating LBAs, Diagnosing Providers & Families

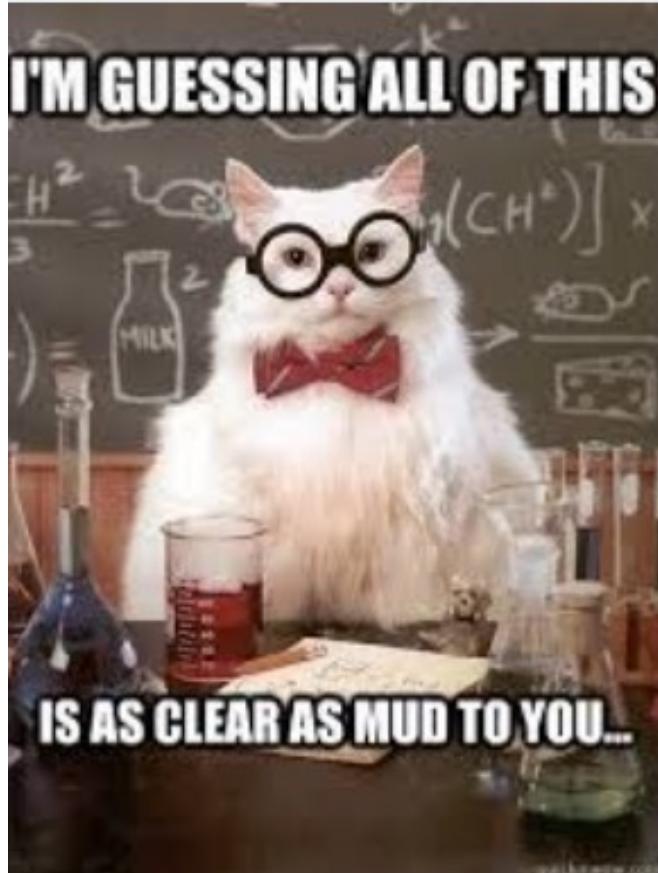
Diagnosis of ASD may be made by any one of the following providers:

- A developmental pediatrician
- A neurologist
- A psychiatrist
- A licensed psychologist
- An interdisciplinary team composed of a physician, physician assistant (PA), or nurse practitioner in consultation with one or more providers who are qualified child specialists, have expertise in autism, and are in one of the following disciplines:
 - Any provider listed above
 - Licensed clinical social worker
 - Licensed professional counselor
 - Licensed psychological associate
 - Licensed specialist in school psychology
 - Occupational therapist (OT)
 - Speech-language pathologist (SLP)

Table: Severity levels for autism spectrum disorder


Severity level	Social communication	Restricted, repetitive behaviors
Level 3 "Requiring very substantial support"	Severe deficits in verbal and nonverbal social communication skills cause severe impairments in functioning, very limited initiation of social interactions, and minimal response to social overtures from others. For example, a person with few words of intelligible speech who rarely initiates interaction and, when he or she does, makes unusual approaches to meet needs only and responds to only very direct social approaches	Inflexibility of behavior, extreme difficulty coping with change, or other restricted/repetitive behaviors markedly interfere with functioning in all spheres. Great distress/difficulty changing focus or action.
Level 2 "Requiring substantial support"	Marked deficits in verbal and nonverbal social communication skills; social impairments apparent even with supports in place; limited initiation of social interactions; and reduced or abnormal responses to social overtures from others. For example, a person who speaks simple sentences, whose interaction is limited to narrow special interests, and how has markedly odd nonverbal communication.	Inflexibility of behavior, difficulty coping with change, or other restricted/repetitive behaviors appear frequently enough to be obvious to the casual observer and interfere with functioning in a variety of contexts. Distress and/or difficulty changing focus or action.
Level 1 "Requiring support"	Without supports in place, deficits in social communication cause noticeable impairments. Difficulty initiating social interactions, and clear examples of atypical or unsuccessful response to social overtures of others. May appear to have decreased interest in social interactions. For example, a person who is able to speak in full sentences and engages in communication but whose to- and- fro conversation with others fails, and whose attempts to make friends are odd and typically unsuccessful.	Inflexibility of behavior causes significant interference with functioning in one or more contexts. Difficulty switching between activities. Problems of organization and planning hamper independence.

Challenge #6- No one seems to know exactly what they want




Need for Continued Advocacy, Education & Involvement

Do you care about behavior analysis?
Do you like tacos?
Will you be at TxABA?



If you answered yes to any of those questions, then you should join the TxABA Public Policy Group for our annual business meeting at the TxABA Conference!

Learn more about our mission & how to get involved. We'll have free tacos & everyone is welcome!


 Saturday, April 23rd
12:30 - 1:30 PM
Reunion ABCD Room

Texas Medicaid ABA Services Provider Update

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Monday | August 8, 2022 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm Central
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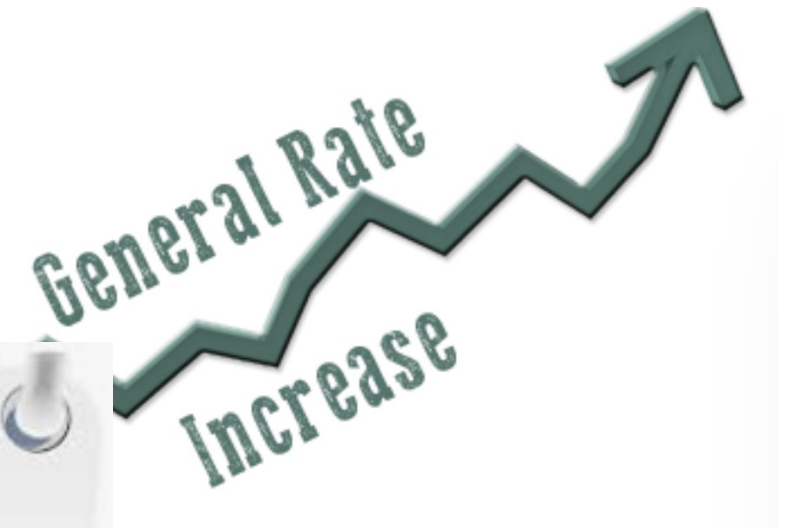
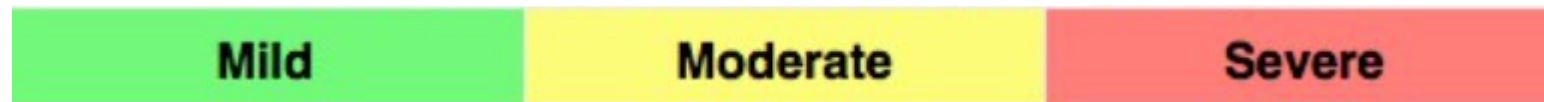
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