



**ABA Services April 25, 2017 Webinar
Question and Answer
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Q: Will the slides be available?

A: Yes, the slides are available at www.magellanoftpa.com. We encourage you to download them and share with staff, use in training and in supervision.

Q: Can a child be prescribed BHRS and ABA at the same time, and if so, can those services be provided on the same day?

A: Yes, BHRS and ABA may be prescribed for a child during the same authorization period if the prescriber finds it medically necessary to receive both services. The services could be provided on the same dates of service, as long as the service times do not overlap. The prescription should clearly define the goals and objectives that each service would be treating. It is expected that if services are being provided by two different agencies there is collaboration and coordination around the services.

Q: Does the ABA prescription need to be written in the Life Domain format?

A: Yes, ABA prescriptions under BHRS authorizations are required to be in the Life Domain format.

Q: What if a current BHRS family wants ABA but wants to keep their current MT, is that possible?

A: Yes, MT is not impacted by the new ABA services so the family can remain with their current MT. This may require agencies to split cases if they are not also enrolled as an ABA provider.

Q: Will all ABA agencies have evaluators?

A: No, currently ABA enrolled agencies are only enrolled for BSC-ABA and TSS-ABA. They are not currently enrolled for evaluations. Magellan is exploring with the state a way to remedy this situation as we realize this will be a burden to the system. We are asking that until it is resolved, your agencies provide your evaluator expertise to assist.

Q: What is the difference between a confirmation form and an attestation form?

A: The Attestation form is an agency form that defines the agency ability to provide ABA services. The Confirmation form is an individual staff form completed by the BSC or TSS to provide ABA. The Confirmation form needs to be stored in the staff's HR records. The Attestation form needs to be stored by the agency as well.

Q: May we submit a packet for ABA services to MBH without an identified ABA provider?

A: Yes, please follow your county's procedure for BHRS staffing. Magellan requires a signed Authorization to Use or Disclose form to send referrals. We also ask providers to assist with obtaining staffing as well.

Q: What are the follow up requirements for the BHRS provider during the transition time it takes to find staffing through an ABA provider once recommended/approved?

A: Providers should follow their own internal policies regarding supporting children and families while awaiting services. At minimum, routine outreach to families to complete a risk assessment and to provide an update regarding staffing efforts should occur biweekly.

Q: When you are auditing, will this be on site or tracking electronically?

A: Audits can take place both ways but most often Magellan conducts them on site. All Implementation Oversight audits will take place on site. Magellan values the on-site technical assistance and collaborative process. Occasionally, a desk audit will be requested.

Q: What is the difference between traditional BHRS and ABA?

A: Applied Behavioral Analysis is a treatment modality and very specific intervention. Under traditional BHRS, some providers used ABA within BHRS format. It is now available as a unique, distinct service under BHRS.

Q: How would the services look different between a TSS and a TSS-ABA?

A: ABA TSS must meet the requirements set forth in OMHSAS-16-02. ABA TSS must also be able to implement the treatment plan that the BSC-ASD designed. As noted in OMHSAS-17-02, "ABA is the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences..." TSS-ABA are responsible for implementing those interventions as outlined by the BSC-ASD and in accordance with OMHSAS-17-02.

Q: Are evaluators required to prescribe the staffing level of the BSC (MA versus BCBA)?

A: The Evaluation needs to recommend a level of care so BSC or BSC-ABA, not the staff credential levels of MA versus BCBA. Indicate this on the TAR form.

Q: Where can we find the progress note or encounter form templates?

A: Magellan does not supply these forms. Agencies need to develop forms that meet the minimum requirements outlined by the regulations and applicable MA Bulletins.

Q: Can a child be prescribed BHRS and BHRS ABA for the same time period.

A: A child should be prescribed one type of BSC service and one type of TSS service. A child should not have two types of BSC or TSS services at the same time.