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Applied Behavior Analysis May 2016

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Applied Behavior Analysis

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

“Is the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce meaningful changes in human behavior.”

Behavior Analyst Certification Board (2014). *Practice Guidelines for Healthcare Funders and Managers*.
http://www.bacb.com/Downloadfiles/ABA_Guidelines_for_ASD.pdf

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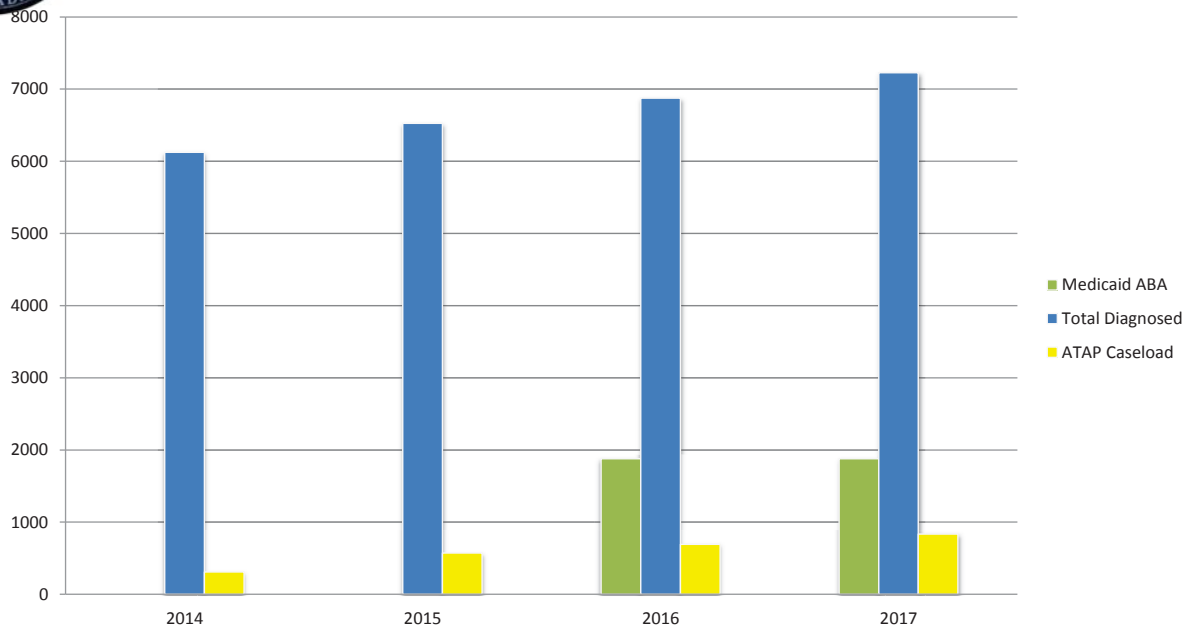
ABA Overview

- CMS released guidance in 2014 on Autism Spectrum Disorder under state plan services.
- Nevada Medicaid held 6 workshops for the development of medical coverage policies, provider qualifications, and reimbursement methodologies.
- State Plan and Policy on ABA services went to public hearing on October 19, 2015.
- ABA services became effective January 1, 2016.
- Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 1500

<http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C1500/Chapter1500/>



Caseload Projections



Approximately 7,100 Nevada children have been diagnosed with Autism. ATAP reports approximately 30% are eligible for Medicaid at the time of the budget build. Currently, approximately 55% of the ATAP caseload is Medicaid eligible.

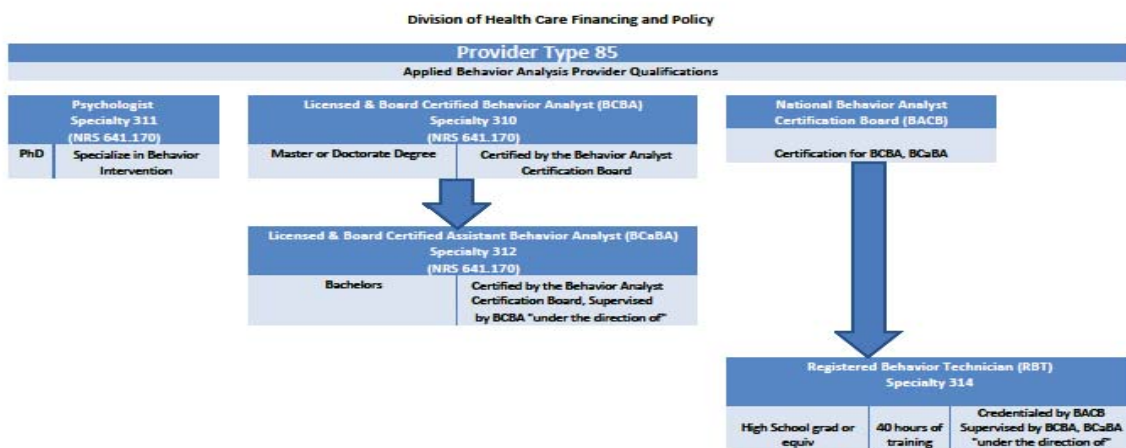


ABA Services

- **Age**
 - Under 21 years of age
- **Diagnosis**
 - Autism Spectrum Disorder
- **Coverage**
 - Services must be medically necessary
 - Assessments
 - Adaptive Behavior Treatment (Individual & Group)
 - Adaptive Behavior Family Treatment without child present
 - Adaptive Behavior Family Treatment with child present
- **Prior Authorization**
 - With the exception of assessments all services require prior authorization

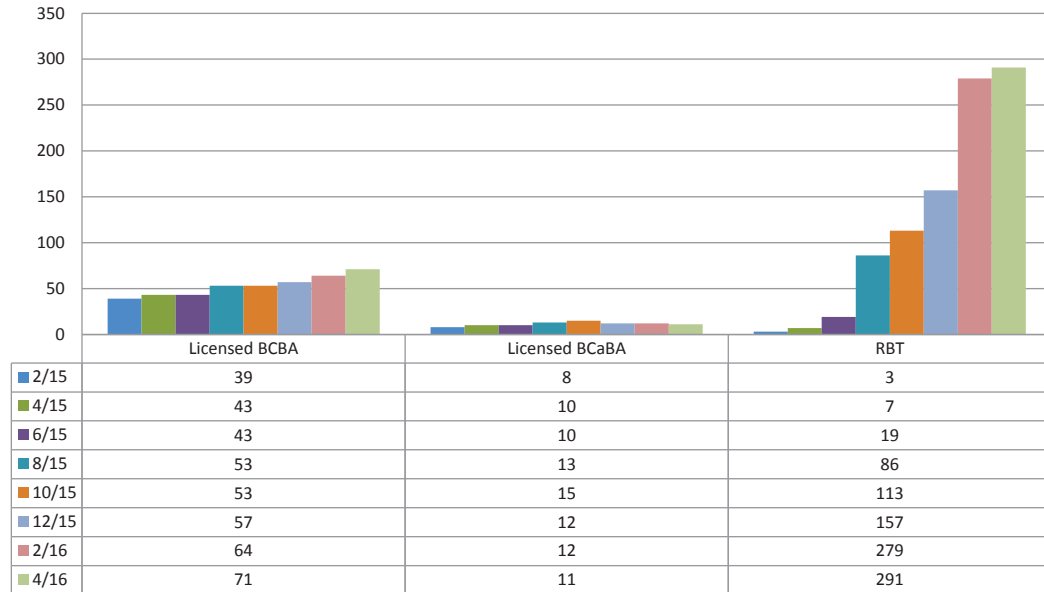
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Nevada Qualified Providers



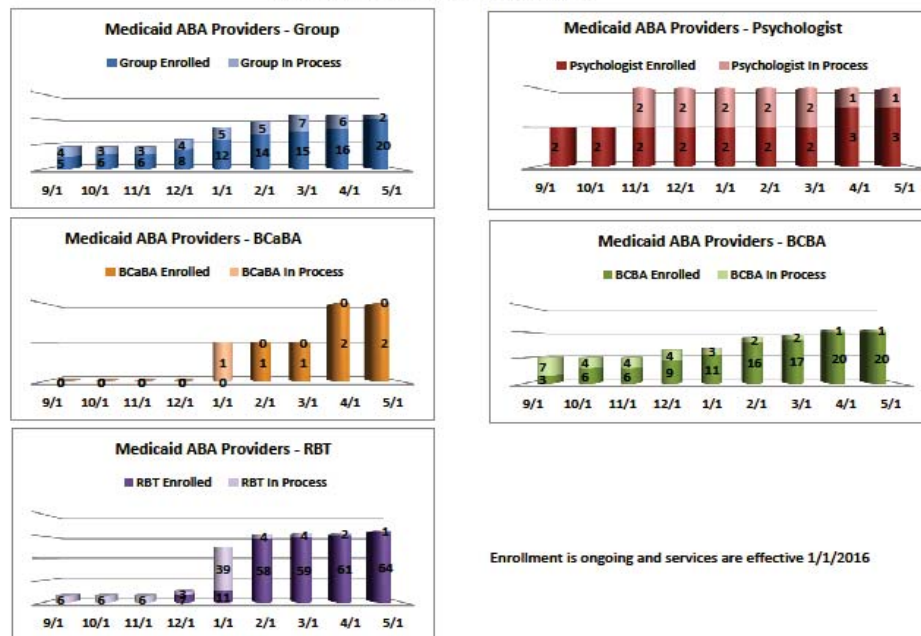
The data for current provider access is reported from the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners for Licensed BCBAs and Licensed BCaBAs. Licensing/Certification occurs bi-monthly. Due to the fact there is no specialty category to identify Licensed Psychologists providing ABA services, Psychologists are not represented on the chart. RBT Data is reported from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board Registry; <http://www.bacb.com/index.php>. The Provider to Recipient ratio ranges from 16:1 to 24:1 depending on the treatment complexity "Applied Behavior Analysis Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Practice Guidelines for Healthcare Funders and Managers (2nd ed.)"

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NV Medicaid ABA Provider Enrollment May 2016



Enrollment is ongoing and services are effective 1/1/2016

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ABA Rates

Research

- National review of CPT Category III Code rates.
- States Medicaid policy coverage and rates.
- National review of RBT salaries.
- Staff development and credentialing costs for RBTs.

Calculation

Rates were determined using average wage information and allowing for normal business costs such as:

- FICA;
- Health Care Cost;
- Sick Leave Costs;
- Vacation Allowances;
- FUTA;
- Medicare;
- Workers Compensation;
- State Unemployment;
- Business Taxes;
- Indirect costs and some non-billable time*;
- Supervision;
- Staff Training and development, including Certification;
- Productivity Adjustments;
- Documentation; and
- Travel.

*Nevada Medicaid is governed by CMS and is required to follow OMB guidelines with regard to acceptable indirect costs and non-billable services.



Reporting

Goals: Effectively monitor access to care and monitor implementation of new program.

- Claim Data
 - Service utilization
 - Expenditures
- Prior Authorizations
 - Approvals
 - Denials
 - Peer to Peer



Claims Data to Date

- CMS approval received March 10th, 2016 for an effective date of January 1, 2016.
- First quarter ABA claims data for both Fee For Service and Managed Care totaled \$140.38, due to claims lag.
- ABA claims data January 1, 2016 through May 5, 2016 (recycle) reflects: 24 recipients received services by 14 providers for a total net payment of \$36,773.73 through Fee For Service.



Ongoing Efforts

- ABA technical assistance webinars
 - Update prior authorization form
 - Future policy change for clarity on Individual Education Plans
- Evaluation of claims data
- Evaluation of provisional licensure
- Provider outreach



ABA Webpage

<http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/CPT/ABA/>

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Locating a Provider

- Fee For Service “find a provider” link on DHCFP webpage.
<https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/hcp/provider/Resources/SearchProviders/tabid/220/Default.aspx>
- District Offices, Care Coordinators
http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Contact/Contact_Home/
 - Carson City (775) 684-3651
 - Elko (775) 753-1191
 - Las Vegas (702) 668-4200
 - Reno (775) 687-1900
- Managed Care Organizations
<http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Members/BLU/MCOMain/>
 - Amerigroup (800) 454-3730
 - Health Plan of Nevada (800) 962-8074

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