

Provider Alert

2021 Legislative Session: Updates for ABA Providers

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Target Audience: ABA Providers

This message was originally sent to ABA providers via the provider relations' email address on June 29, 2021.

During the 2021 Maryland Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly passed HB598 and SB469. This new legislation directly relates to Maryland Medicaid Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services.

In summary, services rendered on or after June 1, 2021 will not require parent/caregiver presence during an ABA treatment session.

The following key take-aways are called out for ABA providers:

- Delivering effective parent training will continue to be a key component and expectation within an individual participant's ABA treatment plan.
- In accordance with [COMAR 10.09.28.04](#):
 - Providers are still required to maintain documentation of each service delivered which includes (but is not limited to):
 - (4) A description of the participant's parent or caregiver's participation in the ABA treatment sessions, including the parent or the caregiver's name and relationship to the participant, date and time of participation
- Providers will still be required to meet established standards to ensure program quality and ultimately the participant's safety while receiving ABA therapy:
 - As evidenced by:
 - Individual ABA program company policies

- Efforts to promote and maintain a safe environment within the individual's treatment plan as well as documented within session notes

Should you have any questions please email mdh.aba@maryland.gov

Thank you,

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