

Delayed: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Benefit Carve Out

The October 1, 2021 Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) benefit carve out into Managed Medicaid has officially been postponed by New York State Department of Health. Providers should continue to submit claims for ABA services to Medicaid Fee-For-Service directly until further notice. Additional information regarding ABA services can be found on the New York State website using the following link: [New York State Medicaid Update](#).

Member Eligibility Information

Healthfirst Medicaid members may be eligible for ABA from FFS Medicaid if:

- They are children/youth under the age of 21 with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and/or Rett Syndrome as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).

Services Covered by Medicaid

Medicaid Fee-For-Service covered ABA services include:

- a. Assessment and treatment by a physician, Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA), Certified Behavior Analyst Assistant (CBAA), or another qualified health professional;
- b. Individual treatments delivered in the home or other setting; and
- c. Training and support for family and caregivers.

To find additional information on Medicaid's coverage policies and billing guidance please go to New York State Medicaid Update - July 2021 Volume 37 - Number 9 (ny.gov) or call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.