

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Behavioral Health Providers

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Subject: Prior Authorization of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services

Summary: Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) requires that all Healthy Louisiana Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) must prior authorize ABA services to the group practice so that different Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) can manage a member's care. This requirement is not applicable to individual BCBA practitioners operating independently.

Background: In order to more effectively care for members and ensure all licensed practitioners may provide needed services, ABA Services should be prior authorized at the provider group level.

Update and Action Needed: Effective 1/1/2021, ABA providers must submit prior authorization requests for the group, and not the individual BCBA. This does not apply to individual BCBA practitioners operating independently. Claims shall include the ABA group's NPI in box 33 and the ABA Licensed Practitioner's NPI in box 24J.

Questions: Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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