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MEDICAID ALERT

TO: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Providers

SUBJECT: ASD Program Updates: ABA Provider Network and Behavior Identification Assessments

*Update: The original alert titled "ASD Program Updates: ABA Provider Network and Behavior Identification Assessments" that was issued on Aug. 11, 2020, erroneously stated that Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) providers needed to continue emailing certain credentialing information items to SCDHHS. ABA providers do not need to submit credentialing information to SCDHHS via email unless specifically requested to do so. **The updated alert is available below.***

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has made two revisions to the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) provider manual. These updates went into effect July 1, 2020.

Submission of Credentialing Information

ABA providers are no longer required to submit ASD Service Provider Network information to ASDProvider@scdhhs.gov. This information will continue to be submitted during provider enrollment, except for information monitored by SCDHHS via the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) registry, which includes:

- A roster of supervisees under a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Proof of Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) credentials for all ABA Behavior Technicians, which must be submitted within 90 days of employment.

Behavior Identification Assessment Changes

After consideration of provider feedback, changes have been made to the assessments required as part of the Behavior Identification Assessment. The following assessments are now required:

- Vineland and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pervasive Developmental Disorder Behavioral Inventory
 - Social Responsiveness Scale
 - Promoting the Emergence of Advanced Knowledge - Comprehensive Assessment
 - Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program
 - Assessment of Functional Living Skills
 - Essentials for Living
 - Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills



Providers have until Dec. 31, 2020, to transition to the new assessment selection. Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this alert to the SCDHHS Office of Behavioral Health at (803) 898-2565.

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