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**SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S):** This change implements a two-year extension of the Department of Defense (DoD) Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration Project under the ECHO for beneficiaries diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Under the demonstration, the Department implemented a provider model that allows reimbursement for Intensive Behavioral Interventions services, in particular, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), rendered by providers who are not otherwise eligible for reimbursement.

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