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FOR
TRICARE POLICY MANUAL (TPM), AUGUST 2002**

The TRICARE Management Activity has authorized the following addition(s)/revision(s).

CHANGE TITLE: APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) BASIC BENEFIT CHANGE

CONREQ: 16171

PAGE CHANGE(S): See page 2.

SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change revises the effective date and adds a new TRICARE Encounter Data (TED) Special Processing Code of "BA Applied Behavior Analysis (Interim Benefit)." Adding "BA" to this edit restricts procedure codes S5108 and 99080 to the ABA Interim Benefit and the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Autism Demonstration.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 2010.
Except for services overseas which is February 16, 2008

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Upon direction of the Contracting Officer.

This change is made in conjunction with Aug 2002 TSM, Change No. 99.

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4. The billed charge.

VI. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Managed Care Support Contractor (MCSC) will also consider and advise beneficiaries of the availability of community-based or funded programs and services when authorizing benefits.

VII. EXCLUSIONS

- A. ABA services provided in a group format are not a covered service.
- B. Services rendered by an unauthorized TRICARE provider.

VIII. PROVIDERS

For services provided in conjunction with ABA under the TRICARE Basic benefit, the following are TRICARE-authorized providers when referred by and working under the supervision of those identified in [paragraph IV.D.](#):

- A. Have a current State license to provide ABA services; or
- B. Are currently State-certified as an Applied Behavioral Analyst; or
- C. Where such State license or certification is not available, are certified by the Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA); and
- D. Otherwise meet all applicable requirements of TRICARE-authorized providers.

NOTE: Individuals certified by the BACB as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) **are not** TRICARE-authorized ABA providers under the TRICARE Basic Program.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

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