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

**CHANGE TITLE: NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT (NDAA) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013,
SECTION 705, PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER (ASD), INCLUDING APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)**

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PAGE CHANGE(S): See page 2.

SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change implements NDAA FY 2013, Section 705. TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) is making comprehensive changes that revise coverage of autism services across the TRICARE Program, to include expansion of ABA and who receives these benefits. TRICARE Basic Program coverage of ABA provided by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) or above for all TRICARE beneficiaries with ASD initially implemented in 2012, will continue with appropriate physician referral and oversight requirements. Active Duty Family Members (ADFM)s will continue to be eligible for ABA reinforcement under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Autism Demonstration from supervised Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA) and paraprofessional ABA tutors. Non-Active Duty Family Members (NADFM)s will now be eligible to receive ABA reinforcement from supervised BCaBAs and paraprofessional ABA tutors under the 12-month "ABA Pilot" authorized by the NDAA FY 2013, Section 705.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 25, 2013.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 25, 2013.

This change is made in conjunction with Feb 2008 TOM, Change No. 101 and Feb 2008 TPM, Change No. 90.

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