



PROVIDER ALERT

ABA PROVIDER INFORMATION: EXPIRING/EXPIRED CDE NOTIFICATIONS

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Providers are reminded that Maryland Medicaid participants are required to have a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation (CDE) completed within the past 3 years by a qualified healthcare professional in order to receive ABA services.

Beginning this month, Beacon Health Options (Beacon) will initiate a process to notify the families of members with expired or expiring CDEs. The CDE notification will provide members with a timeline that shows when the clinical review form will be required in order to continue receiving ABA services. A sample of the CDE notice is shown below.

Providers can assist participants in collecting and submitting the necessary diagnostic documents along with the authorization request for continued ABA services. As indicated in the CDE notice, participants can also submit documentation via mail, email, or fax any time prior to the date that the information is required.

Additionally, Beacon will provide each ABA provider group with a list of participants currently receiving ABA services whose CDEs have expired or are set to expire within the next 9 months. Beacon will provide access to this information for providers on a regular basis.

Please note, failure to submit a completed clinical review form when due leaves the participant at risk for denial in continued ABA services.

Please use the following charts that outline which documents are required when submitting an authorization request for an **ABA assessment** and **concurrent ABA service** request.

Please click the link for the service charts: [ABA Assessment and Concurrent ABA Service Chart](#)

On the following pages you will find the Clinical Review Form and Physician Confirmation form for reference. Editable version of these forms are located by clicking the following link:

<http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/autism/autism-forms.html>

Below is a sample of the correspondence that will be mailed to participants who are currently receiving ABA services, but whose CDEs are expired or will expire within the next 9 months.

Provider Alerts can be viewed online by clicking on the following link:

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/prv_alerts.html.

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