(e) Applied Behavior Analysis: ABA services are covered for individuals from 12 months up to 21 years of age who have a well-documented medical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and for individuals under three years of age who have a well-documented risk for the development of ASD.

ABA services are provided as part of a three-stage comprehensive approach consisting of evaluation, assessment, and treatment which stipulates that ABA services be provided in coordination with other medically necessary services (e.g., Family Infant Toddler Program services, occupational therapy, speech language therapy, medication management, etc.).

Following a referral to an approved Autism Evaluation Provider (AEP), Stage 1 is to confirm the presence of, or risk for, ASD, and/or integrated service planning; Stage 2 is conducting a behavior analytic assessment and developing a behavior analytic treatment plan appropriate for the selected service model; Stage 3 consists of rendering Applied Behavior Analysis services by an approved ABA provider in accordance with the treatment plan.

Providers for ABA Services:
An Autism Evaluation Provider Agency (AEP) must employ a practitioner who is a licensed, doctoral-level clinical psychologist or a physician who is board-certified or board-eligible in developmental behavioral pediatrics, pediatric neurology, or child psychiatry; have experience in or knowledge of the medically necessary use of ABA and other empirically supported intervention techniques; be qualified to conduct and document both a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation and a targeted evaluation for the purposes of developing an ISP; have advanced training and clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of ASD and related neurodevelopment disorders, including knowledge about typical and atypical child development and experience with variability within the ASD population; have advanced training in differential diagnosis of ASD from other developmental, psychiatric, and medical disorders; and sign an attestation form affirming that all provider criteria, as outlined above have been and will continue to be met.

An Autism Provider (AP) must employ a Behavioral Analyst (BA) and possibly a Behavior Technician (BT). A Behavior Analyst must be one of the following practitioners: a Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB®)
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Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®); a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral® (BCBA-D®); a psychologist licensed by the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) with specific behavior analytic training and continuing education requirements; or a clinician who meets a minimum list of qualification and is working towards a BCBA® certification and must be a BCBA® by January 1, 2016.

A Behavior Technician (BT) must be one of the following practitioners: a Registered Behavioral Technician® (RBT®) certified by the BACB®; or a practitioner who will have his or her RBT® certification within six months of rendering services provided he or she meet additional requirements.