

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION PROVIDERS, MAD AND ISD STAFF

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SUBJECT: 8.321.2 NMAC SPECIALIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Mexico Human Services Department/Medical Assistance Division has finalized changes to 8.321.2 *Specialized Behavioral Health Services*.

The changes provide more detailed information in the rule while continuing to have other information contained in the ABA Billing Instructions as appropriate. The amendment provides for new services to eligible recipients under the age of 3 who meet an at-risk category which was not offered in the past under the service of Adaptive Skills Building (ASB). ABA services have also been extended up to 21 years of age, a change from the past limitation of up to five years of age.

Specialty Care Providers can now intervene with ABA agencies in rendering services to challenging eligible recipients who present with complex care needs. Overall, the amendment to the rule offers eligible recipients ABA services as long as they are medically necessary, rather than ASB time-limited services.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please make the following replacements or additions in the Medical Assistance Program Policy Manual.

Remove: 8.321.2 NMAC dated 12-17-2013

Replace: 8.321.2 NMAC dated 05-01-2015

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