

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services is proposing a change in the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2021.

Effective for dates of service October 1, 2021, and after, the Department will update coverage of the treatment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) through adaptive behavior support (ABS) services for children with a diagnosis of ASD when ordered by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches and rendered by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Registered Behavior Technician as defined below:

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). A BCBA is:

1. An individual who is credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as a BCBA and enrolled with the Department as a licensed clinical social worker or licensed clinical psychologist;
2. An unlicensed individual who is credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as a BCBA and is working under the clinical supervision of an HFS-enrolled licensed clinical social worker or licensed clinical psychologist; or
3. An unlicensed individual who is credentialed by the BACB as a BCBA and is employed by a Behavior Health Clinic (BHC) enrolled with the Department to provide ABS services;

Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). An RBT is an individual who has been credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), is 21 years of age or older, has a high school diploma or GED, and:

1. Works as an employee of a BHC enrolled with the Department to provide ABS services; or
2. Works under the clinical supervision of an HFS-enrolled licensed clinical social worker or licensed clinical psychologist.

The proposed change will increase expenditures by approximately \$42 million. The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and may be modified or revised during the approval process.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

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The notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/>.

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