



**Beacon Health Options, Inc.
ABA Provider Council Meeting Minutes**

**Beacon Health Options
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 200
Linthicum, MD 21090
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
11:00 am to 11:30 am**

In attendance: Rick Murray, Sara Daugherty, Dominick Lesperance, Josh Carlson, Katie Molczyk

Telephonically: Elizabeth Zeppernick, Gina Moon, Maura Smith, Stephanie Villegas, Ed Littleton, Bidemi Balogun, Rebecca Correll, Dominika Sillery, Jada Tucker, Monique McGovern, Cheryl Antlitz, James Craig, Sarah Murphy, Ryan Coleman, Teresa Clark, Kimberly Perks.

Provider Questions

Question #1: Do you think the state would consider allowing us to send in completed 40-hour training and completed and signed (by BCBA) skill-out when we submit them for credentialing and allowing a 30-day window to take the test and pass the RBT?

Answer:

MDH is aware of the challenges that providers face with regarding to completing the RBT certification prior to enrolling in Medicaid. However, regulations do require that a provider must have obtained the certification from the BACB prior to enrolling. While completing the coursework and competency assessment are great landmarks toward achieving that goal, the process is not completed until the individual passes the test. As such, MDH could not endorse enrolling staff prior to obtaining the certification at this time.

MDH is also aware of the importance of ensuring that providers are enrolled in a timely fashion. The Department has been in regular contact with ePREP and will continue to work internally to ensure that



applications are processed as efficiently as possible. In the effort of supporting provider's ability to be transparent with newly hired staff, MDH has reached out to the enrollment team to ensure that the timelines for review/approval of applications are as consistent as possible. Please continue to communicate through the channels available to you knowing that all involved are dedicated to increasing member's access to care. Excessive ePREP wait times would be considered anything more than two weeks; so please notify the state if you are experiencing an excessive wait time so the application can be expedited.

Beacon Health Options Contract Update

- RBT requirement: Please keep Beacon informed of the status of all BTs progress toward RBT credentialing. All BTs must be enrolled as RBTs in ePREP as of April 30, 2019. No additional extensions will be possible after May 1st. If issues are preventing you from completing this process, then please be sure to contact Provider Enrollment at 844.4MD.PROV immediately.

Beacon Health Options Clinical Update

- Please continue to reach out to the Care team to provide the current status of referral acceptance. Our members waiting has steadily increased over the past several months and is currently nearing 150 members. If at any point, you would like specific information for a certain area, feel free to contact Sara Daugherty sara.daugherty@beaconhealthoptions.com in order to obtain this.