PROVIDER ALERT

REMINDER - Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Requirement

August 9, 2021

Target Audience: ABA Providers

In accordance with the Governor's declaration of the end of the State of Emergency, the temporary provisions put into place by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Secretary's Orders including *COVID #12: Temporary Registration of Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) and Telehealth Guidance for ABA Providers* will expire on August 15, 2021. This guidance can be found at:

https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/COVID-19-Provider-Updates.aspx.

Requirement

Effective immediately, MDH will no longer approve new behavior technician applications for enrollment in Maryland Medicaid without meeting the enrollment requirements for the RBT. All ABA providers must obtain RBT certification through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and submit the required documentation via MDH's electronic Provider Revalidation and Enrollment Portal (ePREP) by October 1, 2021. Providers who have not completed the required process will be suspended in MMIS on this date.

This requirement applies to any technician who enrolled in Maryland Medicaid as an RBT, without providing proof of the active RBT certification for documentation via ePREP.

Process

The process of obtaining RBT certification is clearly outlined on the BACB website: https://www.bacb.com/rbt.

Providers who have yet to begin the process of obtaining this certification should commence as soon as possible. Examinations are administered at the testing sites on a regular basis. However, the requirements of the 40-hour curriculum along with completing the RBT Competency Assessment can take some time to be arranged.

Once the RBT certification is obtained, providers should go to the ePREP website and submit a supplemental application. The supplemental application can be found via the provider group account on the ePREP site located here:

https://eprep.health.maryland.gov/sso/login.do.

Follow the steps described and be sure to upload the applicant's RBT certificate to the application prior to submission.

Any provider group that has staff who have not obtained RBT certification is encouraged to complete the required process as soon as possible. These providers are at risk of being suspended by Maryland Medicaid on October 1, 2021, if RBT certification is not updated and verified with a supplemental application through ePREP.

Please visit ePREP if you need to verify which ABA providers are enrolled as an RBT.

Questions

If you have any questions pertaining to how to complete the enrollment process, please contact Maryland Medicaid's Provider Enrollment Call Center at:
1.844.4MD.PROV (1.844.463.7768)
https://eprep.health.maryland.gov/sso/login.do.

Any questions pertaining to obtaining the RBT certification for staff should be directed to the BACB via the steps described in this link:

https://www.bacb.com/contact-us/.

For any other ABA-specific questions please contact Optum at
marylandproviderrelations@optum.com or MDH at mdh.aba@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

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