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**Transmitted Via Electronic Email
and Provider Web Announcement**

Re: Applied Behavioral Analysis Coverage in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility/Residential Treatment Facility

To: ABA Providers
PRTF/RTC Providers
Managed Care Entities
Division of Children and Family Services

Nevada Medicaid covers Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services as outlined in [Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 3700](#) for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder, or any other condition for which ABA services is recognized as medically necessary. ABA services can be delivered in multiple places of services, including a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) or a Residential Treatment Facility (RTC).

In the PRTF/RTC setting, ABA services are covered for eligible children by Nevada Medicaid in the following circumstances:

1. The PRTF/RTC has coordinated with a community ABA provider to render ABA services to an eligible child at the PRTF/RTC site (in such scenario the ABA services would be billed by the ABA provider); or
2. The PRTF/RTC employs or contracts with an ABA provider who renders ABA services at the PRTF/RTC facility to an eligible child as part of the treatment milieu offered within the facility (in such a scenario the ABA services would be billed by the PRTF/RTC, but the PRTF/RTC must be enrolled as an ABA provider to bill for such service separately).

Medicaid, in coordination with our Division of Child and Family Services, recently became aware that Medicaid has system edits in place that need revision to remove claims barriers for billing these services in this type of setting. To resolve this immediately with in-state providers, Medicaid has issued a procedure memo to our QIO-like vendor to bypass claims edits and pay for PRTF/RTC services and ABA services that occur on the same day. Notification to ABA providers working directly with DCFS PRTF/RTC locations will be provided information on how to adjust their claims for payment of services within PRTF/RTC facilities. Medicaid staff are working on a long-term plan to clarify coverage language, update provider enrollment checklists, and notify out of state PRTF/RTC and ABA providers on how to ensure these services are available to children in need of these ABA services, while residing in a PRTF/RTC

setting.

If you have any questions pertaining to this update, claims questions, or enrollment concerns, please contact Serene Pack at s.pack@dncfp.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacie Weeks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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