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TO: Physicians, Psychologists, Advanced Practice Nurses,
Rehabilitative Services for Children, Home Care, Managed Care
Organizations – **For Action**

SUBJECT: **New Licensure Requirements for ABA Providers**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2025

PURPOSE: To notify Board Certified Behavior Analysts Doctoral (BCBAs-D), Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (CBAs) and Board-Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (“BCaBAs”) of new licensure requirements for enrollment as providers in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) Program.

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to the New Jersey Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act, the New Jersey Board of Applied Behavior Analyst Examiners published the official rules concerning the practice of Applied Behavior Analyst (“ABA”) therapy, effective May 6, 2024. The Rules define ABA to mean the practice of designing, implementing, and evaluating instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior, including the empirical identification of functional relations between behavior and environmental factors, known as functional assessment and analysis. See the Medicaid Newsletter Volume 30, No. 06, found at www.njmmis.com, for additional information regarding Medicaid/NJFC coverage of ABA services.

The Act requires that certain ABA providers obtain licensure by the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA), in addition to maintaining certification by the New Jersey Behavior Analyst Certification Board. The following licenses are available:

- Licensed Applied Behavior Analysts (“LBA”) are those holding a master’s or doctoral degree, and certification as a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (“BCBA”) or certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst Doctoral (“BCBA-D”).
- Licensed assistant Applied Behavior Analysts (“LaBA”) are those holding a bachelor’s degree and certification as a Board-Certified assistant Behavior Analyst (“BCaBA”).

In addition, the Act allows unlicensed professionals, such as a certified Registered Behavior Technician (“RBT”), to provide services under the supervision of a LBA or LaBA.

ABA services are available to any NJFC Medicaid eligible individual under the age of 21. For individuals enrolled in a NJFC Medicaid managed care plan, the plan shall be responsible for providing all ABA services through their managed care network contracted providers. For all individuals enrolled in NJFC Medicaid, but waiting to be enrolled with a managed care organization, the State shall be responsible for coverage of all medically necessary ABA services through the NJFC Medicaid fee-for-service program.

ACTION: Effective July 1, 2025, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Board Certified Behavior Analysts-Doctoral (BCBAs-D) enrolling in the Medicaid/NJFC Program must be licensed by the DCA and certified as Licensed Applied Behavior Analysts (LBAs) by the New Jersey Board of Applied Behavior Analyst Examiners. Board-Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (“BCaBAs”) must also be licensed by the DCA and certified by the New Jersey Board of Applied Behavior Analyst Examiners Board as Licensed assistant Applied Behavior Analysts (“LaBAs”).

The following individuals are not required to obtain licensure from the DCA if providing ABA services within the scope of their professional practice: physicians, psychologists, marriage and family therapists and social workers.

BCBAs, BCBAs-D and BCaBAs already enrolled in the Medicaid/NJFC Program may continue to provide ABA services. Enrolled providers should submit a copy of their LBA and/or LaBA license to Gainwell Technologies, the State’s fiscal agent.

Providers may either mail, fax or email a copy of their LBA or LaBA license to Gainwell Technologies as follows:

By Mail	Provider Enrollment Gainwell Technologies P.O. Box 4804 Trenton, NJ 08650
By Fax:	Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations (609) 584-1192
By Email:	NJMMIS Provider Enrollment <njmmisproviderenrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com>

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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