WAC 182-531A-0900 Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Covered services. (1) The medicaid agency covers only the following applied behavior analysis (ABA) services, delivered in settings described in WAC 182-531A-0600, for eligible clients:

(a) The ABA assessments that determine the relationship between environmental events and the client's behaviors;

(b) The direct provision of ABA services by the therapy assistant (TA) or lead behavior analysis therapist (LBAT);

(c) Initial ABA assessment and development of a written, initial ABA therapy treatment plan, limited to one per year;

(d) Up to four additional ABA assessments and revisions of the initial ABA therapy treatment plan per year, if necessary to meet client's needs;

(e) One lifetime authorization of day treatment services. If a provider's request for covered services exceeds limitations in this section, the agency evaluates the request under WAC 182-501-0169.

(f) Supervision of the TA;

(g) Training and evaluation of family members or caregivers to carry out the approved ABA therapy treatment plans;

(h) Observation of the client's behavior to determine the effectiveness of the approved ABA therapy treatment plan; and

(i) On-site assistance in the event of a crisis.

(2) The agency covers the following services, which may be provided in conjunction with ABA services under other agency programs:

(a) Counseling;

(b) Dietician services;

(c) Interpreter services;

(d) Occupational therapy;

(e) Physical therapy;

(f) Speech and language therapy; and

(g) Transportation services.

(3) The agency does not pay for ABA services:

(a) That duplicate services provided in another setting; or

(b) That are provided by a family member.

(4) If a provider's request for covered services exceeds limitations in this section, the agency evaluates the request under WAC 182-501-0169.

(5) For clients age 20 and younger, see the early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) program described in chapter 182-534 WAC.

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