New Applied Behavior Analysis Authorization Type Added to Provider Web Portal Prior Authorization

Effective November 16, 2015, the Provider Web Portal prior authorization system has been updated to add the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) authorization type to the “Authorization Type” drop-down list. Prior authorization requests for ABA services may be submitted beginning December 1, 2015, to request services effective January 1, 2016. See below for screenshots of the authorization pages.

Create Authorization: Step 1 – Authorization Type

Create Authorization: Step 1 – Service Type
This new Authorization Type can only be used by provider types (PT) 20 and 85. If the requesting provider is not enrolled as a PT 20 Physician or PT 85 Applied Behavior Analysis, the following error message will display when the provider clicks the “Submit” button on the Create Authorization Step 2: “Provider not approved for ABA services. Please refer to Chapter 400 of the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) for enrollment instructions.”

The “Search Providers” application on the Provider Web Portal has also been updated to allow providers to find providers with the new provider type 85 using the “Other” category. The following specialties were added for Applied Behavioral Analysis:

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) - Primary
- Psychologist
- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst
- Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)