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**BHRS Providers: New Plan of Care Requirements for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)**

Effective **October 1, 2016**, providers will be required to disclose whether Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is part of the BSC and/or TSS prescriptions for Autism Spectrum Disorders (only). This change is in accordance with the Department of Human Services (DHS) program expectation of capturing the delivery of ABA services.

Beginning **October 1, 2016**, Community Care is issuing a new Plan of Care Summary (POC) Form which allows providers to disclose whether ABA will part of the requested treatment (located at the bottom of page 4). The new POC must be used on all initial, continued stay, amended and transfer requests for BHRS. Although these forms are in PDF format, they may now be saved and edited for future use.

**BHRS Plan of Care Form and Directions:** [http://www.ccbh.com/providers/phealthchoices/forms/index.php](http://www.ccbh.com/providers/phealthchoices/forms/index.php)

Community Care is not able to provide specific direction as to what qualifies as an ABA intervention. DHS has issued several bulletins related to ABA which can be found on their website at the web link below. Providers may also find information on the PA Recovery website helpful.

**DHS Bulletin Search:**

**PA Recovery website** (under Children/Adolescents > Autism): [http://www.parecovery.org](http://www.parecovery.org)

For questions related to the new Plan of Care form, please contact your Care Manager for assistance.