

## Applied Behavior Analysis Timeline Summary

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released an information bulletin (CIB 07-07-2014) requiring coverage of autism services under State Plan Authority. This project is limited to the benefit plan development of medical coverage policy, reimbursement, and provider qualifications for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). ABA is an evidence-based technique within early intensive behavioral interventions. NV Medicaid proposes the coverage of ABA under the State Plan Authority of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT). In order to meet all elements of the benefit plan development the following project steps are identified:

<b>Project Steps</b>	<b>Description</b>
Tribal Notification Letter	Required per CMS in accordance with Tribal Consultation requirements, at a minimum of 60 days prior to the submittal of a State Plan Amendment (SPA).
Workshops	To gain stakeholder input in policy development of medical coverage policy, reimbursement, and provider qualifications.
Production Discrepancy Report (PDR)	Three step process to develop, test and implement the system changes as a mechanism for claims in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research PDR,</li> <li>• System development and functionality (Provider Type, Codes, Edits) - approximate time 180 days, and</li> <li>• Rates – approximate time 30 days.</li> </ul>
Policy Development	Development of Medicaid Services Manual policies, billing guides, web announcements, and provider training.
SPA Development	Development of SPA for rates and medical coverage policy.
Public Hearing	Public hearing will be held for public comment Chapter and SPA.
Submit SPA to CMS	CMS must approve before the Rates PDR can be implemented. Approximate time is 90 to 180 days for CMS approval.
Effective Date	Upon effective provider enrollment will occur.

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy has identified the milestones for the development of the ABA project over three potential tracks and the benefits and risks associated with each track. All tracks identified include project development under the need for a SPA. CMS requires a SPA to ensure Federal Financial Participation (FFP), to establish medical coverage policy and reimbursement methodology.