ATAP FAQs

- **Why is ATAP making changes?**
  - ATAP is evolving and must adapt to growth, funding and remain consistent with the marketplace for autism services.
  - All changes are data driven.
  - ATAP must maximize funding and ensure quality services are being received.
- **What is changing?**
  - The supervision rate and hour authorization.
  - Certification timelines and requirements.
- **Will these changes allow ATAP to serve more children?**
  - These changes will allow ATAP to focus spending more money on BCBA supervision doing more hours within ATAP plan types.
  - The RBT certification will maximize Medicaid reimbursement.
- **Why is the supervision rate changing?**
  - ATAP has an obligation to be consistent with the marketplace rate. Nevada needs to have consistency in payment rates and methods.
- **Why is ATAP changing the tiered system of reimbursement for supervision to an hourly system?**
  - Typical payment sources like private insurance and Medicaid reimburse through an hour for hour method, not a bundled tier system. This change will create consistency around how supervision hours are authorized and tracked.
  - This new method permits ATAP to properly support the BCBA by ensuring payment for hours that meet BACB requirements.
- **Will the rate change negatively impact therapy hours for children?**
  - ATAP plan types have been modified due to the rate change. Plans will either get an increase in supervision or remain the same.
  - The rate and structure change will allow providers to get reimbursed for every hour that is completed within ATAP plan types.
- **Why is the RBT certification date changing from 6 months to 90 days?**
  - Based on data gathered from NV providers, 90 days is ample time to complete the RBT certification.
  - By reducing the certification timeline from 6 months to 90 days, ATAP will be able to get reimbursement for their services earlier.
- **Is Palco going away?**
  - Palco will remain for families who are currently set up with Palco until they exit ATAP or their RBT is hired by the provider.
  - ATAP will not allow Palco as an option for new families.

- **If I use Palco and I lose a member of my team, can I replace them?**
  - ATAP will not add new families to Palco, but will allow families to hire staff as needed to maintain therapy.
- **Do Palco employees need to become a RBT?**
  - All employees in Palco must meet the 90 day requirement for RBT certification in order to get reimbursed by ATAP for services provided.
- **Why is ATAP serving children with Medicaid funding?**
  - ATAP was serving approximately 355 children with Medicaid when Medicaid was approved to fund autism services.
  - The expectation is that ATAP would not kick children off services because they are Medicaid eligible and serve them until their needs were met or until their provider is able to bill Medicaid directly.
  - The ATAP budget was set up to serve Medicaid children and receive Medicaid revenue because so many children with Medicaid were being served through ATAP.
- **How many children need to transition to a Medicaid provider from a non-Medicaid provider?**
  - ATAP currently has 49 children who are receiving services and need to be transitioned to a new provider when one becomes available.
- **What is the plan to move children from a non-Medicaid provider to a Medicaid provider?**
  - Initially, ATAP had around 170 children who needed to be transitioned to a Medicaid provider. Over the course of 2 years, that number has decreased to around 49 children.
  - The care managers work with the family and community providers to ensure a timely transition with minimal gaps in therapy hours.
  - ATAP will continue to fund these children through the normal ATAP plan types/plan progression or until they transitioned to a Medicaid provider.
- **Why does ATAP have plan limits?**
  - ATAP is an assistance program set up to fund temporary services that systematically decrease over time.
  - Plan limits provide clear guidelines to meet goals.
  - All plan types have built in parent training. The goal with parent training is to give parents the tools to manage behaviors when ATAP funding has ended.