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The **North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis** represent over 70 Board Certified Behavior Analysts, consumers, students, and healthcare professionals working together to provide behavior analytic services and education to individuals living fin North Dakota. Our Membership provide and advocate for medically necessary services to children and adults in school, clinical, community, and home settings throughout North Dakota. Many individuals receiving behavior analytic services are also receiving Medicaid through the North Dakota Medicaid Administration (NDMA). The letter below summarizes specific issues identified by our Membership within the current NDMA fee schedules and billable therapeutic activities that are not comparable to those found in neighboring States and private insurers.

PROBLEM

- Our Membership has found that current NDMA reimbursement for CPT codes are not commensurate to those in neighboring States.
- Review of current reimbursement rates indicate that applied behavior analysis providers in North Dakota are reimbursed at 20% -100% less when compared to neighboring States, and between 20%-50% less than private insurers.
- Our Membership has also found that medically necessary CPT codes are not currently reimbursable, including 97156 and 97157 for Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment. These codes are essential in providing families training on individualized programming for their dependent/child.

SOLUTION

• Our Membership's goal is to propose commensurate reimbursement rates for CPT covering applied behavior analysis.

o We are requesting the following reimbursement rates:

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Current	\$ 28.71	\$ 21.25			\$ 9.87	\$	2.46	\$ 2	28.71	NA	NA	NA	\$	11.75
Proposed	\$ 40.45	\$ 30.34			\$ 15.55	\$	12.05	\$ 3	31.58	\$ 34.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 27.50	\$	18.04
Change	29%	30%			40%	6	80%		10%	NA	NA	NA		35%

- Based on our Membership's research, these rates would be commensurate to neighboring States Medicaid reimbursement rates for each CPT code used.
 - States include Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin.
- Our Membership is also requesting inclusion of the Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment CPT codes (97156 and 97157) for providers in State to provide reimbursable parent training services to increase usage of effective strategies to teach dependents independent living, communication, leisure, and coping skills related to the referral problem.
 - o Many insurers in North Dakota and throughout the Country cover these codes.
 - Without the Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment CPT codes there is an unnecessary barrier to care that makes
 it difficult to provide families vital information, training, and practice.
 - o Common utilization of this code would be one or two one-hour visits per month.
- We as an Association believe strongly that its Membership can provide the medically necessary treatment to teach our
 clients skills that work toward independent living that will benefit the Citizens of North Dakota. NDABA and ABA
 providers throughout the State would be able to provide greater quality services for more North Dakotans, as well as
 continue to recruit and develop behavioral technicians and Board Certified Behavior Analysts that are essential to care.

Our Membership thanks you for reading our letter, considering our problems and solutions to remedy these problem areas. Our Membership looks forward to working with Representatives and Senators on finding solutions to these issues.

Respectfully,

The North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis and Its Membership [Membership signatures attached.]

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