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ABCD Requests Scope of Practice Determination by Several NJ Professional Licensing Boards

The Division of Developmental Disabilities recently promulgated draft rules which stipulate that all providers of applied behavioral analysis must maintain license per NJAC 13:42B and that staff conducting assessments, developing behavior support plans, and evaluating their effectiveness must be a Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst (LBA).

Upon further discussions with ABCD, DDD informed us that on the advice of counsel other related professions cannot function in the capacity of an LBA, specifically in the areas of functional behavioral analysis and updating the behavioral plan, because these are not within their scope of practice.

In reaction, ABCD submitted formal requests of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners, New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners, and the New Jersey Board of Nursing to determine whether and in what capacity the provision of applied behavioral analysis is within their licensees' scope of practice. Several of the boards have placed ABCD's request on their August meeting agendas.

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