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Citizens with Disabilities

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The Provision of ABA in DDD Funded Services

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are heterogeneous, so too should be their care.

ABCD has successfully advocated to improve access and choice for individuals receiving DDD waiver service of Behavioral Services/Applied Behavioral Analysis.

In addition to the provision of services by a NJ Licensed Applied Behavioral Analyst, services may be provided by a person whose license in another profession includes ABA within their scope of practice, education, training and competency.[1]

In July 2026, ABCD made a formal request to the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (BoPE) to determine whether and in what capacity the provision of applied behavioral analysis is within a licensee's professional scope of practice. At their September meeting, the BoPE stated that ABA services do not fall outside of a psychologist's scope of practice; psychologists can provide ABA services if trained/educated accordingly. It will be incumbent on the licensee to obtain verification from the board.

Our thanks to the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Board of Psychological Examiners, and the NJ Psychological Association for their successful efforts toward creating a more diverse service system for the individuals we care for and about.

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