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Hello All,

The Legislative Session has finally ended in Nevada for 2023!

We are very proud of the collaboration achieved with our legislators. During this legislative session, Senator Heidi Gansert has been our champion. Senator Rochell Nuygen was particularly helpful to practitioners in our field in her role as the Health and Human Services Committee Vice-Chair.

I am also proud of the community of behavior analysts I have the privilege to be a part of. The public policy committee worked in direct collaboration with the NV ABA Licensure Board throughout this session. Additionally, some of the work we completed this session came directly from information shared by other behavior analysts. Without that information, my email would be much less happy tonight.

Senator Heidi Gansert sponsored SB191. Below is the legislative counsel's digest describing what is enrolled as of 6/12/2023.

*Legislative Counsel's Digest:*

*Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and administer a State Plan for Medicaid which includes a list of specific medical services required to be provided to Medicaid recipients. (NRS 422.063, 422.270-422.27497) Existing law requires the State Plan for Medicaid to include: (1) rates of reimbursement for services provided by behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts and registered behavior technicians that are comparable to rates paid by Medicaid programs in other states for such services; and (2) reasonable limits on the number of hours that such providers are authorized to bill for services provided to a recipient of Medicaid in a 24-hour period. (NRS 422.27497) Section 1 of this bill requires the Director to include in the State Plan coverage for the cost of services provided by behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts and registered behavior technicians to Medicaid recipients who are less than 27 years of age. Existing law authorizes the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis to charge a fee of not more than \$25 for the issuance of an initial license as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst. (NRS 641D.380) Section 2 of this bill increases to \$450 the maximum fee for an initial license that the Board is authorized to charge. Section 2.5 of this bill makes an appropriation to, and authorizes expenditure by, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department for the administrative and medical service costs of providing Medicaid coverage for certain services provided by behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts and registered behavior technicians pursuant to section 1.*

Please note that while we wanted to completely eliminate the age cap to ABA therapy services for individuals diagnosed with autism, we are happy to see that the age cap was increased from age 21 to 27. Professionals in our field will be able to serve many more young adults throughout our state. We have more work to do next session to remove the age cap. We will start working on that closer to the start of the session.

Additionally, the licensure rates will not be increasing. The language approved and enrolled in SB191 was clean up language to clarify some mistakes in the original bill related to application fees vs. initial licensure fees. Again, the renewal and initial fee will not be changing.

The Medicaid Budget presented to the legislation called to reduce many of the Medicaid ABA rates via budget hearing. Due to the championship of Senator Gansert and Senator Nuygen, the rates remained intact.

Thank you all for alerting me of incoming information, showing up to testify, writing letters, and providing input as you have. As professionals, business owners, family members, and friends, our time is always limited, making our community efforts that much more valuable. I am truly proud to be part of this community.

Sincerely,

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