

To: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*
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Re: Behavioral Health Providers: Request For Feedback on Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Manual

This provider bulletin is being issued to update and rescind Provider Bulletin 25-27A and notify Nebraska Medicaid providers that Nebraska Medicaid is currently reviewing our Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Manual. This manual will replace the current mental health, substance use disorder, and applied behavior analysis Medicaid Service Definitions (MSDs). We are seeking provider input and extending the public comment period to **January 31, 2026**.

Scope of the Manual

The Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Manual will describe Nebraska Medicaid's covered services. The current project includes reviewing current service definitions and comparing them to the Medicaid State Plan, mental health and substance use disorder state regulations, the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health's Continuum of Care manual, and national treatment standards. Nebraska Medicaid developed this manual in consultation with psychiatrists, physicians, psychologists, licensed mental health practitioners (LMHPs), licensed alcohol and drug counselors (LADCs), and doctoral board certified behavior analysts (BCBA-Ds).

The goal of the manual is to simplify and standardize the expectations for services across the Department of Health and Human Services and align the manual with state and federal guidelines.


Public Comment

As part of this review, Nebraska Medicaid requests that providers review the current draft of the Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, And Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Manual and provide feedback.

Nebraska Medicaid has posted the draft manual online at the link below. Providers may submit their feedback to DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@nebraska.gov. Please include your name and credentials in your message and specify to which section(s) of the manual your comments relate. Nebraska Medicaid will accept comments through January 31, 2026.

Nebraska Medicaid mental health, substance use disorder, and applied behavior analysis provider manual:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/Mental%20health,%20substance%20use%20disorder,%20and%20applied%20behavior%20analysis%20provider%20manual.pdf>



Thank you in advance for your feedback to improve the quality of mental health, substance use, and applied behavior analysis care for Nebraska Medicaid beneficiaries.

Provider Resources

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@nebraska.gov.

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