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**Ellen M. Buettner** | Chief Executive Officer

**J. Kevin Stitt** | Governor

OHCA 2024-25

November 19, 2024

RE: Applied Behavioral Analysis Policy Revisions

Dear Provider,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) implemented policy changes promulgated through the emergency rulemaking process per the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act and made effective, **Oct. 25, 2024**. These rules are currently viewable on the agency's policy website.

Policy revisions to Chapter 30, Subchapter 5, Part 30, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Services, updated ABA policies to ensure that services meet a standard level of quality for all applicable members which includes:

- Updates to documentation requirements for behavior intervention plans, extension requests and billing guidelines.
- Adding a requirement that all contracted providers reside within the state or within 50 miles of the border.
- Amending the allowable frequency and duration that ABA services may be provided in accordance with medical necessity.
- Clarification of service limitations including settings and coverage and exclusions to treatment.
- What is considered extreme circumstances in which physical restraint is permissible and the documentation requirements that must follow.

(Reference OAC 317:30-5-311, 317:30-5-312, 317:30-5-313, 317:30-5-314, 317:30-5-315, 317:30-5-316, 317:30-5-317, 317:30-5-318.)

Please visit the [Child Health \(EPSDT\) page](#) for a list of frequently asked questions related to this policy.



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OHCA encourages you to review these rule changes in their entirety and to forward this letter to your administrative, billing and compliance departments, if applicable. If you have any questions regarding these rule changes, please call the OHCA provider helpline at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Traylor Rains". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a decorative flourish at the end.

Traylor Rains

State Medicaid Director