

Indiana Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Working Group
Meeting #5: Public Summary

Meeting Logistics:

- **Date:** July 23, 2025
- **Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST
- **Format:** Hybrid
- **Attendees:**
 - Eric Miller (EM), Tara Morse (TM), Molly Collins (MC), Christina Commons (CC), Rebecca Roy (RR), Adam Burtner (AB), Susan Crowell (SC), Jim Dalton (JD), Rachel Deaton (RD), Kim Dodson (KD), Lori Goss-Reaves (LGR), Robb Greene (RG), Jill Lambert (JL), Jason McManus (JM), Jessica Green (JG), Cari Neal (CN), David Reed (DR), Chad Sims (CS), Camille Svendsen (CS)
- **Meeting objectives:**
 - Discuss recommendation package, updated based on Working Group feedback in early July
 - Gather input on specific implementation strategies and future considerations per recommendation

1 Key takeaways from discussion

Annotated Agenda:

- **Overview and objectives**
 - Eric Miller opened the meeting, welcoming the Working Group members and sharing the meeting objectives, including the update on proposed plan for August and September
 - Members were encouraged to identify areas of support, concern, or clarification needed prior to finalizing recommendations
- **Discussion on recommendation package**
 - Tara Morse shared the proposed package of five recommendations with the Working Group, highlighting that members' feedback was considered to summarize the key objectives
 - Recommendations centered on:
 - Aligning ABA utilization with clinical evidence
 - Ensuring high quality care provision and better clinical outcomes for children
 - Paying fair and sustainable rates for ABA therapy to incentivize appropriate care provision
 - Strengthening enablers to set foundation for end-to-end ABA program management
 - Building up the broader ABA ecosystem beyond Medicaid
- **Discussion on proposed implementation strategies and future considerations per recommendation**
 - Eric Miller presented proposed the detail of proposed recommendations, including detail of implementation strategies (i.e., suggested near-term priorities) and future considerations (i.e., suggested longer-term actions) for the first two recommendations
 - **Aligning ABA utilization with clinical evidence;** members:

- Emphasize the need for flexibility for children and families in how utilization guidelines are developed, preferring longer-term, less prescriptive guidelines over weekly utilization allocations or a specific duration of comprehensive care
- Highlighted the need to ensure medical necessity exceptions in line with Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Supported the use of well-defined direction on the number of functional impairments, and ensuring caregiver involvement in ABA therapy, to ensure caregivers are adequately coached and enabled
- **Ensuring high quality care provision and better clinical outcomes for children; members:**
 - Supported ensuring adequate supervision of Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) by Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and ensuring sufficient quality of ABA therapy centers
 - Emphasized the need to streamline enrollment for RBTs
- **Next steps**
 - Eric thanked the Working Group for their input, encouraged members to share their thoughts and questions ahead of upcoming meetings, and highlighted the opportunity to participate in the remaining listening sessions
 - Eric also flagged the opportunity for Working Group members to provide offline feedback on the draft report in mid-August / September