

IHCP is reinforcing documentation and behavior assessment for ABA therapy treatment plans

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) previously provided guidance, in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT2024194](#), for applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy providers to include the *Behavior Assessment System Children, Parenting Relationship Questionnaire (BASC PRQ)* within treatment plans and to include documentation of this assessment.

No numerical iteration of the *BASC PRQ* was established, and *BASC-3 PRQ* was commonly used and accepted. *BASC* will no longer include the *PRQ* assessment in the fourth edition. Considering the release of *BASC-4*, both the *BASC-3 PRQ* and *BASC-4* will be accepted until Oct. 1, 2026.

After Oct. 1, 2026, **only** the *BASC-4* will be accepted. The public release of *BASC-4* is expected to be Aug. 23, 2026. Providers should select the most appropriate version of *BASC-4* for their members.

For additional information, please see the following resources:

- [Behavior Assessment System for Children Brochure](#)
- [Pearson BASC-4 Resources webpage](#)

The IHCP will apply a standardized transition policy for behavior assessment tools used in ABA therapy treatment planning. When updated versions of clinically recognized assessment instruments are released, the IHCP will allow a transition period of six months during which both the prior and updated versions may be used. The six-month transition window will begin the date of the publication release.

After the transition period, providers are expected to use the most current version unless otherwise specified by the IHCP.



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