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Department of Human Resource Management State and Local Health Benefits Programs

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Enhanced Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services for Autism Spectrum Disorder

Since July 1, 2012, The Local Choice Health Benefits Program has covered applied behavior analysis (ABA) services for children with autism spectrum disorder, ages two through six. The benefit included a \$35,000 annual limit for these services. Effective immediately, the program has enhanced the ABA benefit by removing the \$35,000 limit retroactive to July 1, 2012.

Employees and non-Medicare retiree group members who have used the benefit for covered children, and believe the annual \$35,000 cap has impacted their health care claims in any plan year since July 1, 2012, should contact The Local Choice program. They may call 1-888-642-4414 or (804) 225-3642 in Richmond, or send an email to tlc@dhrm.virginia.gov. Additional information may be found on the TLC website at www.thelocalchoice.virginia.gov.

Attached is a sample letter that will be mailed today, January 9, 2015 to participants who have used the ABA benefit.

Please do not reply to this e-mail. You may send inquiries to the Office of Health Benefits mailbox at tlc@dhrm.virginia.gov.