

# THE LOCAL CHOICE E-NEWS

## 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](mailto:tlc@dhrm.virginia.gov). Additional information may be found on the TLC website at [www.thelocalchoice.virginia.gov](http://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](mailto:tlc@dhrm.virginia.gov).***