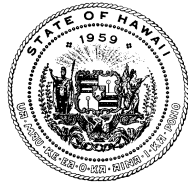


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DDD Medicaid Waiver Program
Memo No.: 2016-03
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TO: DD/ID Medicaid Waiver Program Providers

FROM: Debra Tsutsui, Chief
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SUBJECT: Licensing of Behavior Analysts

Please be advised that Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 465D requires the licensing of behavior analysts, unless an exemption in HRS § 465D-7 applies. The link to HRS Chapter 465D is: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol10_Ch0436-0474/HRS0465D/

There are a number of other resources that you may find helpful as you consider your workforce needs for serving participants in the DD/ID Medicaid Waiver.

- Information about licensed behavior analysts is through the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/behavior/>
- The Behavior Analyst Certification Board is the national certification entity for Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) and Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT). <http://bacb.com/>
- The Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) website includes information that is specific to Hawaii. <http://www.hawaiiaba.org/>
- Several universities and colleges have begun offering in-person or distance-learning coursework toward obtaining BCBA, BCaBA and RBT. The following examples are not meant to be a comprehensive list nor does it indicate an endorsement of any program: University of Hawaii – Manoa, University of West Florida – Hawaii Cohort (see HABA website), and Leeward Community College. Relias Learning is a web-based learning opportunity that some providers already use for RBT training.

The Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) has been working with Department of Health leadership, the Developmental Disabilities Council, the Hawaii Association of Behavior Analysis and others to explore options to address concerns about those who implement behavior plans and the credentialing of RBTs.

Please be advised that **SB 2670 – Relating to Behavior Analysts** would amend HRS § 465D-7(a) to allow direct support workers who provide waiver services to obtain the RBT credential by **January 1, 2019**. This would give providers more time to bring up this important capacity and provide access to behavior analysis/behavioral plan implementation. DDD is committed to workforce development and will be working with providers and other system partners in these efforts.

The links to SB 2670 HD 1 and the most recent committee reports can be found at:

- http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2016/bills/SB2670_HD1_.PDF
- http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2016/CommReports/SB2670_HD1_HSCR1297-16_.pdf
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Additional information will be distributed as it becomes available. Please contact the Community Resources Branch at 733-2135 if you have questions.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

c: Mary Brogan, Administrator, DDD