

Provider Type	Provider Qualifications	Behavioral-Analytic Assessment	Behavioral Treatment Plan Development and Modification	BHT Services	Observation and Direction
		A developmentally appropriate functional assessment must identify strengths and weaknesses across domains. The data from such assessment should be the basis for developing the individualized treatment plan. An assessment typically utilizes data obtained from multiple methods and multiple informants, such as: direct observation and measurement of behavior, file review and administration of a variety of behavior scales or other assessments as appropriate, interviews with the client, caregivers and other professionals.	Individualized treatment plan that utilizes evidence-based interventions with measurable goals over a specific timeline. The treatment plan includes a description of patient information, reason for referral, brief background information (demographics, living situation, home/school/work information), clinical interview, review of recent assessment/reports, assessment procedures and results, focused treatment (to address a specific problem) or comprehensive treatment (to address multiple affected developmental domains), parent/caregiver training, numbers of hours requested, coordination of care, transition plan, discharge planning and crisis planning and each goal must include the current level (baseline, behavior parent/caregiver is expected to demonstrate, including condition under which it must be demonstrated and mastery criteria (the objective or goal)), date of introduction, estimated date of mastery, specify plan for generalization and report goal as met, not met, modified (include explanation). The treatment plan shall be reviewed once every six months and modified when appropriate.	Behavioral interventions, cognitive behavioral intervention package, comprehensive behavioral treatment for young children, language training (production), modeling, natural teaching strategies, parent/guardian training for individual or groups for the direct benefit of the child, peer training package, pivotal response training, schedules, scripting, self-management, social skills package, story-based intervention ¹ , and coordination of care.	Observe and direct the delivery of Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) services by qualified autism service professionals and qualified autism service paraprofessionals. Observation and direction is for the direct benefit of the child and provides real time response to the intervention. This is necessary to ensure the delivery of BHT that is consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the BHT plan to ensure that the child is making progress and responding appropriately to BHT. The recommended frequency is described in the treatment plan and prior authorized.
Qualified Autism Service Provider ²	Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) ^A	X	X	X	X
	Licensed Practitioner ^B	X	X	X	X
Qualified Autism Service Professional ³	Associate Behavioral Analyst ⁴	X		X	
	Behavior Analyst ⁵	X	X	X	X
	Behavior Management Assistant ⁶	X		X	
	Behavior Management Consultant ⁷	X	X	X	X
Qualified Autism Service Paraprofessional ⁸	Paraprofessional			X	

¹ Findings and Conclusions: National Standards Project, Phase 2 Addressing the Need for Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines for Autism Spectrum Disorder

² A qualified autism service provider means either of the following:

^A A person, entity, or group that is certified by a national entity, such as the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, that is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, and who designs, supervises, or provides treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism, provided the services are within the experience and competence of the person, entity, or group that is nationally certified.

^B A person licensed as a physician and surgeon, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, educational psychologist, clinical social worker, professional clinical counselor, speech-language pathologist, or audiologist pursuant to Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code, who designs, supervises, or provides treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism, provided the services are within the experience and competence of the licensee.

³ An individual who meets all of the following criteria: Provides behavioral health treatment, is employed and supervised by a qualified autism service provider, provides treatment pursuant to a treatment plan developed and approved by the qualified autism service provider, is a behavioral service provider approved as a vendor by a California regional center to provide services as an Associate Behavior Analyst, Behavior Analyst, Behavior Management Assistant, Behavior Management Consultant or Behavior Management Program.

⁴ A regional center shall classify a vendor as an Associate Behavior Analyst if the vendor assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior, under direct supervision of a Behavior Analyst or Behavior Management Consultant. Associate Behavior Analysts engage in descriptive functional assessments to identify environmental factors of which behavior is a function.

Associate Behavior Analysts shall not practice psychology, as defined in Business and Professions Code Section 2903. A regional center shall classify a vendor as an Associate Behavior Analyst if an individual is recognized by a National Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst.

⁵ Behavior Analyst means an individual who assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior. Behavior Analysts engage in functional assessments or functional analyses to identify environmental factors of which behavior is a function. A Behavior Analyst shall not practice psychology, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 2903. A regional center shall classify a vendor as a Behavior Analyst if an individual is recognized by the national Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

⁶ A regional center shall classify a vendor as a behavior management assistant if the vendor designs and/or implements behavior modification intervention services under the direct supervision of a behavior management consultant; or if the vendor assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior, under direct supervision of a Behavior Analyst or Behavior Management Consultant, and meets either of the following requirements:

- Possesses a bachelor of arts or science degree and has either: Twelve semester units in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and one year of experience in designing and/or implementing behavior modification intervention services; or two years of experience in designing and/or implementing behavior modification intervention services; or

- Is registered as either a psychological assistant of a psychologist by the Medical Board of California or Psychology Examining Board; or as an Associate Licensed Clinical Social Worker pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.18 et. seq.

⁷ A regional center shall classify a vendor as a behavior management consultant if the vendor designs and/or implements behavior modification intervention services and meets the following requirements:

- Individuals vendored as a behavior management consultant on, or after, January 1, 2007, shall prior to being vendored, have completed twelve semester units in ABA and possess a license and experience as specified below:

- Possesses a valid license as a psychologist from the Medical Board of California or Psychology Examining Board; or

- Is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Sections 4996 et. seq.; or

- Is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Sections 4980 et. seq.; or

- Is any other licensed professional whose California licensure permits the design and/or implementation of behavior modification intervention services.

- Have two years experience designing and implementing behavior modification intervention services.

⁸ An unlicensed and uncertified individual who meets all the following criteria: Is employed and supervised by a qualified autism service provider, provides treatment and implements services pursuant to a treatment plan developed and approved by the qualified autism service provider, meets the criteria set forth in the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 4686.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, has adequate education, training and experience, as certified by a qualified autism service provider.