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**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
BEHAVIOR ANALYST BILLING CODES WORKGROUP
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*October 31, 2016
1:00 p.m.
1400 W. Washington, Suite 280
Phoenix, AZ 85007*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Behavior Analyst Billing Codes Workgroup was called to order by Dr. Wechsler at 1:00 pm on October 31, 2016. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Workgroup Members Present

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP - Chair
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Bryan Davey, Ph.D.
Joe Gentry, Ph.D.
Barbara Tyson

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Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (“AHCCCS”) BILLING CODES AND SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS FOR USE BY BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE SAME

Dr. Wechsler summarized that a Notification to Stakeholders: Provider Registration Requirements for Licensed Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) was issued by AHCCCS and included codes and descriptions of services to be provided by behavior analysts. Upon receipt of the Notification, the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners reviewed service descriptions and subsequently requested clarification of definitions for service descriptions from AHCCCS as some descriptions may appear to go beyond the scope of practice for behavior analysts. AHCCCS met with Board representatives and updated the codes based on the scope of practice. The Board maintained concerns over four codes in the updated list of codes including H0004—Office individual behavioral health counseling and therapy, per

15 minutes; H2011—Crisis intervention service, per 15 minutes; H2012—Supervised behavioral health day treatment, per hour, up to 5 hours; and H0031—Mental health assessment, by non-physician.

Dr. Bohanske suggested creating a modifier to these codes that would clearly identify that Behavior Analysts provided these services. A modifier would assist agencies and the State when audits are conducted by the Federal government. Ms. Tyson, AHCCCS representative, clarified that no modifiers exist and it would not be possible to change or modify the billing codes; however, she indicated that a policy statement may be developed indicating that services are provided by Behavior Analysts within their scope of practice. Workgroup members discussed their concerns and possible solutions. Members of the public were present and provided input.

Following discussion, the Workgroup requested that AHCCCS draft a policy statement for all codes and descriptions that would clearly indicate that services were provided by Behavior Analysts within their scope of practice. Workgroup members noted that Behavior Analysts would then be accountable for providing only those services within their scope of practice and areas of competence. Ms. Tyson indicated that she would work on drafting a policy, which would be provided to the AHCCCS legal department and then provided to the Workgroup for review at a future meeting. The Workgroup would then provide a recommendation to the Board at a future Board meeting for approval.

Ms. Galvin provided guidance to Workgroup members regarding communication under the Open Meeting Law. The Workgroup was created by the Board and falls under Arizona's Open Meeting Law. Workgroup members may not communicate with each other regarding Workgroup business except in an open meeting. Workgroup members may not communicate with the public regarding Workgroup business outside of an open meeting. Workgroup members and members of the public may communicate with the Board's Executive Director.

A Workgroup meeting will be scheduled to review the policy statement to be drafted by AHCCCS.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to adjourn the meeting at 2:18pm. The Motion carried 5-0.

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP
Workgroup Chair