



# COLLABORATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT (CFA)



## Did you know?

### Howard County reimburses for in-home Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Programming?

- Reimbursement for in-home ABA services given by an approved provider  
BCBA: 24 hours a year at the rate of \$85/hour  
Therapist: 43 hours a month at the rate of \$14.98/hour
- Reimbursement for out of pocket expenses leading up to insurance deductible is considered.
- Applications are accepted September 5, 2017– April 27, 2018. Applications will be date stamped when received by Office of Early Intervention Services. Reimbursement will be available from the date marked received.
- Applications received after January 26, 2018, will be eligible for a maximum of 12 hours of reimbursement for consulting services.
- Please contact Candice Shin at [Candice\\_Shin@hcpss.org](mailto:Candice_Shin@hcpss.org) or Tina Eder at [Tina\\_Eder@hcpss.org](mailto:Tina_Eder@hcpss.org) or call 410-313-7017 to request an application or for more information.

## What is it?

In order to support intensive early intervention programs for young children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or a related disorder\*\*, the Howard County Public School System, Department of Special Education and Student Services, Office of Early Intervention Services (OEIS) will provide limited reimbursement to families who have established in-home Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programs. The Collaborative Funding Agreement is available for children from birth through kindergarten.



## Who is it intended for?

This reimbursement is intended for families not receiving coverage for ABA services through their private insurance carrier or Medicaid. It is important to note that as a result of House Bill 798/Senate Bill 701, which went into effect on July 1, 2014, some families will be eligible to access additional habilitative services for their children through their private insurance carrier or Medicaid.

## What are the qualifications?

- Must be enrolled in an HCPSS program
- Must be receiving ALL recommended services per IEP/IFSP
- Must use a provider on the approved list
- Provided for children birth through end of Kindergarten

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Does my health insurance cover Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)?

Many health insurances do offer coverage for in home ABA programming. Please call and check with your insurance and ask if they cover ABA prior to completing the application for CFA as most insurances offer better reimbursement rates than the CFA.

### Can I access CFA if I also get reimbursement from insurance?

If you are receiving reimbursement from your health insurance for in home ABA services you cannot also access reimbursement from the CFA unless it is for out of pocket expenses leading up to an insurance deductible.

### Does my child need a medical diagnosis of Autism to take advantage of the Collaborative Funding Agreement (CFA)?

\*\*No medical or educational diagnosis of Autism is necessary. To qualify for the CFA your child must be enrolled in a Howard County program, have a current IEP or IFSP and be enrolled for the recommended service hours per the IEP/IFSP.

