



When an ABA Client Has Medicare

Some children seeking ABA services may have Medicare (along with another insurance) if they have a severe disability. Medicare does not cover ABA services under any circumstances.

To submit claims for ABA services to the other insurance carrier, you would normally need an EOB (explanation of benefits) or denial from Medicare.

However, Medicare considers BCBA's ineligible to enroll in Medicare. Because of this, Medicare will not accept claims from BCBA's to even process them for denial.

Here's how you proceed:

1. You will need to contact the provider enrollment department for your state's Medicare contractor. Medicare contractors differ by state. There may also be different contractors with a state for Medicare Part A (hospital) and Medicare Part B (professional services). You can go to [cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov) to find out who the Contractor is for your state/region. **You will want to look for the one for Medicare Part B.**
<https://www.aaoe.net/general/custom.asp?page=MACs>
2. You will reach out to the appropriate Medicare contractor's Provider Enrollment department and request a "letter of provider ineligibility".
3. Instructions may vary from contractor to contractor, but most likely, you will be required to submit a request for this letter in writing and include a copy of the provider's degree, BCBA license/certification and driver's license.

4. They should issue a letter that looks similar to this one below:

I am writing in response to your October 05, 2023 letter requesting a response from Medicare regarding your ineligibility to enroll in the Medicare program.

Board Certified Behavior Analyst are not eligible to enroll as practitioners in the Medicare program and the services they perform are not eligible for Medicare coverage.

If your patients have other insurance benefits available, claims for your services should be submitted directly to that insurance plan. If the other insurance plan requires documentation that your services are not eligible for Medicare reimbursement, you may use a copy of this letter to provide that documentation.

5. Submit a copy of this letter with each claim you submit to the patient's other insurance plan.