

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
From: Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access
Cc: Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services
Date: January 12, 2018
Re: Department of Vermont Health Access SFY 2018 BAA Budget Testimony

This memorandum responds to questions raised during testimony on the state fiscal year (SFY) 2018 Budget Adjustment Act (BAA) proposal in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Specifically, DVHA addresses questions about the number of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) providers and ABA spending, which pertains to the AHS net neutral transfer of funding for the support of Autism services at Northwestern Counseling and Support Services (NCSS).

How many Medicaid-enrolled ABA providers are there in Vermont and how many people do they serve?

	Providers	Children Served
NCSS	4	48
Non-NCSS	57	99
Total	61	147

How much does Medicaid spend on ABA services?

	NCSS	Non-NCSS	Total
SFY 2017 Spend	\$843,486	\$1,067,393	\$1,910,879
SFY 2018 Spend (7/1-12/15/17)	\$568,800	\$648,186	\$1,216,986

Key Considerations

- These numbers only reflect ABA services delivered in home and community settings, and do not include the provision of ABA services in schools.
- Level of service delivery is greatly varied among individuals receiving ABA.
- Not all claims have come in for non-NCSS spend for December 2017. Expectation is for non-NCSS spend to increase as claims are submitted.
- NCSS ABA caseload is anticipated to grow to 70 children by end of SFY18. Accordingly, DVHA's BAA recommendation is to transfer \$965,101 to DMH to allow for the anticipated growth.