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To Whom It May concern:

We are seeking clarification regarding the new IBHS bulletin in the following areas:

- 1. Can a BCBA fulfill the Clinical Director role for IBHS-individual services not ABA? (Page 31)
 - a. A BCBA is not listed as a requirement, however, the BHT can function as a BCAT or a RBT. Both the BCAT and the RBT require BCBA oversight.
- 1. The BHT positions. (Page 46)
 - a. The BHT/RBT supervision requirements need to be clarified, as the BACB requires higher supervision standards than the proposed regulations.
 - b. The BHT/RBT positions, while only requiring a high school diploma and certification, require a significant amount of supervision from a BCBA. This will cause a final burden to agencies.
 - c. If the BHT's highest level of education is a high diploma, is this individual required to be certified as an RBT, or is the only requirement 40 hours of training from the RBT task list?
- 1. Will CARF be allowed as accreditation agency or will agencies need to have a waiver?
- 2. The process for submission of the IBHS service description needs clarified.
 - a. Does the SD need submitted to the county and MCO for approval before the state?
 - b. The specific process needs outlined.
 - c. What is the timeline for submission?
 - d. Can the IBHS SD be added to existing OP SD?
- 1. How does IBHS impact Act 62 guidelines?
- 2. The differences between Behavior Analytic Services and Behavior Consultation-ABA Services as described in the Preamble need to be clarified. (Preamble Page 16)

Sincerely,

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