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I write with concern as a parent regarding the proposed new low supervisor standards. Lowering the standards to increase access to services is going to result in harm to kids.

As a parent who was unable to secure true ABA through providers that accepted medical assistance, my child has already been harmed. This is unfair to the children receiving care and a waste of treatment dollars to continue to put quantity over quality. Rather, follow the best practices and ensure those providing ABA are qualified to do so! Care provided by an RBT should be supervised by a BCBA directly.

We all want better access to ABA therapists, but lowering the standards is not the way to do it. Would you want your child's surgery done by a general pediatrician because there wasn't a surgeon close by? I don't think so!

Ensuring quality is best for the children, and it will save time and money by actually producing results that make these children more productive adults.

As a parent, I live this every day and families have a basic right to treatment by competent professionals. The proposed new low supervisor standards will result in harm to children for years to come and only produce higher costs and NOT the quality outcomes we need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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