



*Teaching Skills for Success*

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To the Alaska Legislation,

I am the owner of Behavior Matters LLC, a behavior analytic company in Eagle River, AK and the parent of 2 children with Autism. I currently have a staff of 24 serving clients in the greater Anchorage area, Mat Su valley, Talkeetna, Kenai, and Juneau. On staff, we have one BCBA-D, four BCBA's, and 2 BCaBA's. We also have four employees that have completed the requirements for certification and three more taking classes toward certification.

We currently bill multiple insurance companies but the only reliable payor is Tricare. Even with the recent insurance mandate, some insurance companies have refused to pay for or authorize services while other insurance companies will pay for service but it usually takes several remits and multiple phone calls or at times will request a refund. ODS is an example of insurance company that authorized services and later requested a refund, thus leaving the family with a large bill.

The licensure of certified behavior analysis will allow us to continue to work with our current families, while providing a professional rate that are more consistent with our training and expertise. It will also allow us to bill a stronger network of behavior analyst within the state to support Alaskans with autism.

Sincerely,

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