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Mr. David J. Baker
President and CEO
Humana Military Healthcare Services
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Subject: Notification Regarding Applied Behavior Analysis

Reference: Contract Number MDA906-03-C-0010

Dear Mr. Baker:

This letter is notify you that TMA is currently reviewing whether Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a covered benefit under title 32 of the Code of Federal Relations part 199.4 (32 CFR 199.4) "Basic Program Benefits". Any prior instructions related to the coverage or non-coverage of ABA under the Basic Program are cancelled and are no longer operative.

Once the review of ABA, for purposes of the Basic Program, is concluded, we will update you. Any requests for authorization for ABA under the Basic Program should be held in abeyance pending the completion of the review. It is anticipated that this will be completed by September 20, 2010.

Please note: This does not affect the processing of claims for ABA under 32 CFR 199.5, "TRICARE Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)" or the Department of Defense Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration. Implementing guidance for those benefits is found, respectively, in the TRICARE Policy Manual Chapter 9, Section 9.1 and the TRICARE Operations Manual Chapter 20, Section 10.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification, please contact the undersigned or the Contracting Officer's Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. R. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles R. Brown
Contracting Officer

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