

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**65-7502. Definitions.** For the purposes of this act:

(a) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior;

(b) "autism service provider" means any person:

(1) That provides diagnostic or treatment services for autism spectrum disorders who is licensed or certified by the state of Kansas; or

(2) who is licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board as a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst;

(c) "autism spectrum disorder" has the meaning ascribed to such term by K.S.A. 40-2,194, and amendments thereto.

(d) "board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created under K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto;

(e) "certifying entity" means the national accredited behavior analyst certification board or other equivalent nationally accredited nongovernmental agency approved by the behavioral sciences regulatory board which certifies individuals who have completed academic, examination, training and supervision requirements in applied behavior analysis;

(f) "controlled substance" means any drug, substance or immediate precursor included in any of the schedules designated in K.S.A. 65-4105, 65-4107, 65-4109, 65-4111 and 65-4113, and amendments thereto;

(g) "diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders" means any medically necessary assessments, evaluations or tests in order to diagnose whether an individual has an autism spectrum disorder;

(h) "licensed assistant behavior analyst" or "LaBA" means an individual who is certified by the certifying entity as a certified assistant behavior analyst and meets the licensing criteria as established by the board by rules and regulations;

(i) "licensed behavior analyst" or "LBA" means an individual who is certified by the certifying entity as a certified behavior analyst and meets the licensing criteria as established by the board by rules and regulations;

(j) "line therapist" means an individual who:

(1) Provides supervision of an individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and other neurodevelopmental disorders pursuant to the prescribed treatment plan; and

(2) implements specific behavioral interventions as outlined in the prescribed treatment plan under the direct supervision of a licensed behavior analyst; and

(k) "treatment for autism spectrum disorder" means care prescribed or ordered for an individual diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist, including equipment medically necessary for such care, pursuant to the powers granted under such licensed physician's or licensed psychologist's license.

**History:** L. 2014, ch. 62, § 3; July 1.