

Email Title: PRESS RELEASE – Magellan Behavioral Health and all of its contracted carriers in all states Accepting New Credentialing Alternative for Paraprofessionals

We are excited to announce Magellan Behavioral Health and all of its contracted carriers in all states is now accepting the ANSI Accredited Behavior Technician Level One Certificate Program (BTL1) as a legally defensible alternative to the RBT and the BCAT certification for paraprofessionals. The BTL1 offers providers with a one stop option by providing both an accredited standardized training program and a means of credentialing paraprofessionals in an efficient and effective manner. For providers who are approved by more than Magellan and its carriers for behavioral health services, the BTL1 meets both the BCAT, ABAT and the RBT 40 hour training requirement.

Magellan Behavioral Health supported the BTL1 as an alternative because it meets the following criteria:

1. Nationally Accredited (ANSI)
2. Legally Defensible
3. Point of hire to point of reimbursable services (avg. 10 days)
4. Based on a comprehensive job analysis of the behavior technician
5. 45 hours of online self paced training (immediate implementation) developed by SMEs
  - 4 instructor led exercises (1:1 asynchronous instruction overseen by a BCBA-D)
  - 15 hours of "on the job" training at site of employment
6. 100 item final assessment (Psychometrically sound both in reliability and validity)
7. Meets RBT, BCAT, and ABAT training requirements
8. Public Registry for primary source verification
9. Administrative Reporting Features/HR Management
10. Oversight Committee to handle grievances/complaints
11. Cost Effective (\$150 - \$250 per staff depending on volume)

We are offering providers an opportunity to pilot the BTL1 for a reduced rate. There are no other costs involved. Please contact us at [info@coahs-edu.org](mailto:info@coahs-edu.org) for your provider code to access the program at the reduced cost. You can also call us at 805-691-9367 or visit us at [coahs-edu.org](http://coahs-edu.org).

Sincerely,  
The BT Oversight Committee  
Innovative Learning LLC

