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Court rules in favor of DMHC consumer protections for patients with autism

(Sacramento) -- The DMHC has issued the following statement after learning that it has prevailed in its defense of <u>Consumer Watchdog vs. Ehnes, DMHC</u> in Los Angeles Superior Court. In the Los Angeles Superior Court ruling, the judge affirmed the DMHC position that providers of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) treatment for autism be licensed by the State.

"We are pleased that the Court affirmed the DMHC's discretion to protect children with autism from unlicensed providers," said Cindy Ehnes, Director of the DMHC. "The main message from this ruling in favor of the DMHC is that we are following the correct course to ensure that patients continue to get the services to which they are entitled under their health coverage."

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