



Provider Notice

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CountyCare Removal of Authorization Requirements for ABA Assessments Effective January 1, 2026

This communication is intended to provide notice of changes removing all authorization requirements for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)/Adaptive Behavior Services (ABS) Behavior Identification Assessments. Effective January 1st, 2026, there are no prior authorization requirements for ABA/ABS **Behavior Identification Assessment** and **Supporting Assessments**. Providers are directed to submit claims for these services rendered

Prior authorization is NOT REQUIRED for the following services:

CPT Code	Code Description
97151	Behavior identification assessment, administered by a physician or other qualified health care professional, each 15 minutes of the physician's or other qualified health care professional's time face-to-face with patient and/or guardian(s)/caregiver(s) administering assessments and discussing findings and recommendations, and non-face-to-face analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan
97152	Behavior identification-supporting assessment, administered by one technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes

- Please note that additional services for ABA/ABS treatment and support will require prior authorization for outpatient behavioral health services.
- Information on prior authorization requirements can be found on the [Authorization Look-Up Tool](#).

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Thank you for working with us to ensure CountyCare members receive quality care at the right time and in the right setting. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact CountyCare Provider Services at 312-864-8200. For CountyCare Provider Relations, email countycareproviderservices@cookcountyhhs.org or your assigned Provider Relations Representative.