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Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services Now Covered

CountyCare will now cover ABA services effective November 1, 2020. ABA services consist of specialized therapeutic interventions that use a variety of techniques grounded in behavioral science to reduce disruptive behaviors and to increase pro-social behaviors in real-life settings and situations.

ABA services are available to individuals who are:

- 1) under the age of 21; *and*
- 2) who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as indicated by a Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation; *and*
- 3) who have been referred for ABA services by a physician; *and*
- 4) for whom ongoing ABA services are recommended by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) on a Behavior Assessment and Treatment Plan (BATP)

Provider Qualifications

ABA services may be rendered by the following qualified professionals:

- **Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs):** BCBAs must be credentialed by the Behavior Analysts Certification Board (BACB) and be licensed as either an LCP or an LCSW.
- **Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs):** RBTs must be credentialed by the BACB, have a high school diploma or GED, and maintain a written collaborative agreement with a BCBA who provides direct supervision to the RBT.

IMPACT Enrollment

Provider Type	Specialty	Subspecialty	Claim Type
Psychologists	Licensed Clinical Psychologist	No Subspecialty Primary Specialty Board Certified Behavior Analysts	837P
Behavioral Health Services	Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	No Subspecialty Primary Specialty Board Certified Behavior Analysts	
Behavioral Health Services	Registered Behavior Technician	No Subspecialty	

Covered Services

1. **Behavior Assessment and Treatment Planning (BATP):** The BATP is the formal assessment and treatment planning process to evaluate a child's current functional impairments and disruptive behaviors and to identify the treatment goals, objectives, and recommendations for ABA services. BATP and BAI services may be conducted by a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) or a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).



2. **Behavior Analysis Intervention (BAI):** BAI services are therapeutic interventions conducted with the child, or the child’s caregiver, to improve the child’s functioning and enhance pro-social behaviors through direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationships between environment and behavior.

Service Codes and Rates

ABA services provided by an RBT seeking reimbursement shall be submitted by the collaborating BCBA (Billing Provider) with the RBT identified as the Rendering Provider in Loop 2310B of the 837P.

CPT	Service	Unit	BCBA Rate	RBT Rate
97151	Behavior Identification Assessment	15 min.	\$20.39	
97152	Behavior Identification Supporting Assessment	15 min.		\$8.90
97153	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol	15 min.		\$8.90
97154	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol	15 min.		\$3.93
97155	Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	15 min.	\$20.39	
97156	Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance	15 min.	\$20.39	
97157	Multiple Family Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance	15 min.	\$9.00	
97158	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	15 min.	\$9.00	
0362T	Behavior Identification Supporting Assessment	15 min.		\$8.90
0373T	Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	15 min.		\$8.90

Prior Authorization

ABA services require Prior Authorization (PA).

There are multiple ways to request Prior Authorization (PA):

- Contracted providers can submit requests via the CountyCare Provider Portal for a faster response time
- (preferred method)
- Via phone by calling 312-864-8200, option 4
- Via fax - BH: 1-800-498-8217

Thank you for your continued service to CountyCare members. For questions, please contact CountyCare Provider Services at ProviderServices@countycare.com or your assigned Provider Relations Representative.