New ABA CPT® codes – Effective January 1, 2019

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CPT Code Changes and Crosswalk
The American Medical Association (AMA) announced that the Category III CPT codes used for billing adaptive behavior assessment and treatment (ABA) services will be replaced by eight Category I CPT codes and two modified Category III CPT codes, effective January 1, 2019.

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey will adopt the use of these new codes effective January 1, 2019.
Summary of Changes:

As of 2019, most Category III CPT codes will no longer exist, and will be replaced by a new set of permanent codes with the following characteristics:

- Eight Category I CPT codes (97151–97158) will replace the Category III CPT codes.

- Two modified codes remain in Category III (0362T and 0373T, for extreme behavior), but are rarely used.
Summary of Changes (continued):

• All codes are now in 15-minute increments (old codes ranged from untimed to 60 minutes each).

• The add-on code structure was removed.

The AMA did not create a code for indirect services. Horizon BCBSNJ will use H0032 for this service.
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<td>Behavior identification assessment, administered by a physician or other QHP, each 15 minutes of the physician’s or other QHP’s time face-to-face with patient, and/or guardian(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.</td>
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<td>Behavior identification supporting assessment, each 15 minutes of technician’s time face-to-face with a patient requiring the following components: 1) administered by the physician or other QHP who is on-site; 2) with the assistance of two or more technicians; 3) for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; and 4) completed in an environment that is customized to a patient’s behavior.</td>
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<td>Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by one technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP, face to face with the patient, each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>0364T/0365T</td>
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<td>Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP, face-to-face with two or more patients, each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>0367T</td>
<td>97155</td>
<td>Adaptive behavior treatment, with protocol modification, administered by physician or other QHP, which includes simultaneous direction of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>0368T/0369T</td>
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<td>Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other QHP (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardians(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>0370T</td>
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<td>Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other QHP (without the patient present); face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>Group adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modifications, administered by a physician or other QHP, face-to-face with multiple patients, each 15 minutes.</td>
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**Note:**
- Horizon Behavioral Health Program denotes a QHP as Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).
- CPT code rule: Less than 8 minutes is not reportable; 8 to 22 minutes is reportable.
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All services previously authorized using the 2018 CPT codes will be honored through the expiration date of the authorization, even if the approval extends beyond December 31, 2018.

You do not have to contact us to request an update to your existing authorization. We will update your current authorization with the new codes for dates of services beginning January 1, 2019.
Claims Submission
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- **Dates of service prior to January 1, 2019**: Use the current Category III CPT codes.

- **Dates of service beginning on and after January 1, 2019**: Use the new CPT codes.

- Claims for the old and new codes need to be separated into two different claims submissions. Services for dates of service in 2018 and 2019 should not be submitted on the same claim form.

- Any claims submitted for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019 with the old codes will be denied.
Provider Contacts
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Authorizations, Care Management and Claim Inquiries:

- 1-800-626-2212

ABA Treatment Request and Treatment Plan Report Submission:

- Fax: 1-855-241-8895

NaviNet®:

- 1-888-482-8057
- NaviNet.net

Provider Relations, Credentialing and Contracting Questions:

- 1-800-397-1630 Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time
- HorizonBehavioralHealthProviderRelations@beaconhealthoptions.com
Network-Specific Site
Horizon Behavioral Health – ABA Provider Network-Specific Site:

- beaconhealthoptions.com/providers/beacon/network/horizon-behavioral-health-aba-providers/
  - FAQ document
  - ABA Medical Necessity Criteria
  - ABA Treatment Request Form
  - Crosswalk from old codes to new codes
Questions?

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