

2019 APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) CPT CODE CHANGES

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Effective January 1, 2019, the American Medical Association (AMA) is adopting new codes for many of the ABA services. Maryland Medicaid will require the use of the new CPT codes. While the unit of time has changed for all codes, the overall rates for the services rendered will not change. A new fee schedule and combination of services will be released in the coming weeks.

Beacon will host comprehensive trainings in December, instructing providers how to submit authorizations with the new CPT codes. However, providers should continue to submit all authorization requests using the current CPT codes until 1/1/19. Beacon Health Options' clinical team will be updating all service authorizations that carry over into 2019 and no action is required of the providers.

Any provider that has an open authorization for an assessment that is not completed by 12/31/18 will need to submit an addendum request for any remaining units. Providers may submit their addendum via ProviderConnect or by e-mailing abaservices@beaconhealthoptions.com.

The crosswalk table found below is a reference for how the new codes relate to the existing codes used as part of the ABA benefit:



Service	Current 2018 CPT Code	2019 CPT Code	2019 Duration per Unit	Who can render the service?
ABA Assessment	0359T 0360T/ 0361T	97151	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D/Psychologist
		97152	15 Minutes	RBT
ABA Reassessment	0360T/0361T	97151	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D/Psychologist
ABA Assessment- Severe Behavior	0362T/0363T	0362T	15 Minutes	Two or more RBTs and/or BCaBAs with BCBA/BCBA-D /Psychologist on-site
ABA Treatment Planning	0360T/0361T	H2012	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D /Psychologist
ABA Treatment	0364T/0365T	97153	15 Minutes	RBT/BCaBA/BCBA/ BCBA- D/Psychologist
Group ABA	0366T/0367T	97154	15 Minutes	RBT/BCaBA/BCBA/ BCBA- D/Psychologist
Direction of Technician (Supervision)	0368T/0369T	97155	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D
Remote Direction of Technician (Supervision)	0368T GT/0369T GT	97155- GT	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D
Parent Training with Patient Present	0368T/0369T	97156- U2	15 Minutes	BCaBA/BCBA/BCBA- D/Psychologist
Parent Training without Patient Present	0370T	97156	15 Minutes	BCaBA/BCBA/BCBA-D /Psychologist
Multiple Group Parent Training	0371T	97157	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D /Psychologist
Social Skills Group	0372T	97158	15 Minutes	BCBA/BCBA-D /Psychologist
Severe Behavior Treatment	0373T/0374T	0373T	15 Minutes	Two or more RBTs and/or BCaBAs with BCBA/BCBA-D /Psychologist on-site



We strongly encourage providers to register for one of the training offerings listed below. Please note that the material covered in each of these presentations will be the same and the multiple times are offered for the convenience of all providers. Please use the links below to register.

The password to access the following ABA Training Webinars is:

#ABA2019

Maryland Medicaid Overview of New ABA CPT Codes	12/10/18 9:30 am - 10:30 am EST	Webinar: Online Forum 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=tc89b86b7c0e886db7ae43155 1d2628a5 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.	
Maryland Medicaid Overview of New ABA CPT Codes	12/12/18 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST	Webinar: Online Forum 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=t64d58f367af944f2af3d62ac46f94751 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.	
Maryland Medicaid Overview of New ABA CPT Codes	12/13/18 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm EST	Webinar: Online Forum 1) To Register go to: https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=t5f5381 47e89ed7088cb6e183ae1f2324 2) You will then be prompted to enter registration information. 3) A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you successfully registered.	

