

NOTICE: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

In collaboration with community and providers, the AHCCCS Advisory Committee has worked together to create policies and adapt codes related to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) that can be used in the treatment of members with Autism if identified as medically necessary. In order to track and trend the utilization of these codes, it is encouraged that agencies adapt and utilize the new ABA codes implemented in January of 2019. A quarterly deliverable will track the utilization of these codes by providers for Health Choice Arizona members.

Please utilize the codes below when providing ABA services to qualifying HCA members; those who have been approved for ABA services through a team setting and /or recommended by a provider as a medically necessary service. Quarterly tracking of these codes is requested from your agency and a deliverable will be emailed to the responsible party your agency identifies. The ABA deliverable is due on the fifth day after the quarters completion to Kelly.Lalan@healthchoiceaz.com.

For question or support, please contact your HCA member representative and/or Kelly Lalan at (928) 714-2206.

Billing Code	CPT Descriptor
97151	Behavior Identification Assessment, administered by QHP, each 15 minutes of QHP's time face-to-face with patient and/or guardian(s)/caregivers(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 QHP, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
362T	Behavior Identification Supporting Assessment, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with patient, requiring four components: QHP on site; assistance of 2+ technicians; patient with destructive behavior; environment customized to patient behavior
97153	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a QHP, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes
0373T	Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with patient, requiring four components: QHP on site; assistance of 2+ technicians; patient with destructive behavior; environment customized to patient behavior
97154	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol, administered by technician under direction of QHP, face-to-face with 2+ patients, each 15 minutes
97155	Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification, administered by QHP, which may include simultaneous direction of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes
97156	Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance, administered by QHP (with or without patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes
97157	Multiple-Family Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance, administered by QHP (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians/caregivers, each 15 minutes
97158	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification, administered by QHP face-to-face with multiple patients, each 15 minutes

Coding and Documentation materials are based on current guidelines and are to be used for reference only. Clinical and coding decisions are to be made based on the independent judgement of the treating physician or qualified health care practitioner and the best interests of the patient. ICD-10-CM, CPT and HCPCS are the authoritative referenced for purposes of assigning diagnoses and procedure codes to be reported. It is the responsibility of the physician and/or coding staff to determine and submit accurate codes, charged and modifiers for services rendered.



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