



Louisiana Medicaid Procedure Code and Rate Changes for ABA Services

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Overview

Effective January 1, 2017, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is making some significant changes to the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Program.

- **LDH is adopting the new, temporary ABA procedure codes for Louisiana Medicaid billing.**
- **New payment rates will also be implemented for the new service codes.**
- **With this change, Louisiana Medicaid will also begin covering group therapy as a part of the ABA Program.**
- **Prior Authorization will continue to be required for all ABA services.**

ABA Temporary Procedure Codes

- **Effective January 1, 2017, New ABA Temporary Procedure Codes will replace the codes currently used for these services.**
- **These temporary codes are currently being used by some private insurance carriers.**
- **Multiple procedure codes will replace a current code.**
- **Modifiers will be required with some codes.**

New ABA Payment Rates

- New payment rates have been established for these service across the State.
- The rates are set for the procedure code and level of staff providing the service.
- A new ABA Fee Schedule can be found on the Louisiana Medicaid web site, www.lamedicaid.com, Directory link – Fee Schedules.

Coverage of Group Therapy Through the ABA Program

- Louisiana Medicaid will begin covering group therapy through the ABA Program for dates of service January 1, 2017 forward.
- The procedure codes and rates are presented on the fee schedule previously mentioned.
 - An approved Behavior Treatment Plan may include group therapy that:
 - Is administered by a Licensed Professional Behavior Analyst or State Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst;
 - Must be face-to-face with multiple patients;
 - The recipients must have similar diagnoses, behaviors, and treatment needs......
 - Is administered by a registered line technician;
 - Must be face-to-face with two or more patients;
 - The recipients must have similar diagnoses, behaviors, and treatment needs.

Coverage of Group Therapy (cont'd)

- **Covered Services:**
 - **Group Adaptive Behavior – Initial 30 minutes**
 - **Group Adaptive Behavior – Additional 30 minutes**
 - **Adaptive Behavior Treatment – Social Skills Group – Patient Present**
 - **Multiple-Family Group – Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance**
 - **Adaptive Behavior Treatment – Social Skills Group – Without Patient**
- **Place of Service**
 - **Services must be provided in a natural setting (i.e. a home and community-based setting - including clinics and schools)**
 - **Medically necessary services provided by enrolled LBA, SCABA, or Registered Line Technicians are allowed in school settings.**
- **The ABA Provider Manual is being revised and will include information concerning group therapy services. The revised manual will be located on the web site, www.lamedicaid.com, Directory link – Provider Manuals.**

Exclusions

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The following services do not meet medical necessity criteria and do not qualify as Medicaid covered ABA-based therapy services:

- **Therapy services rendered when measureable functional improvement or continued clinical benefit is not expected and, therapy is not necessary or expected for maintenance of function or to prevent deterioration;**
- **Service that is primarily educational in nature;**
- **Services delivered outside of the school setting that duplicate services under an individualized family service plan (IFSP) or an (IEP), as required under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);**
- **Treatment whose purpose is vocationally or recreationally-based;**
- **Custodial care that:**
 1. **Is provided primarily to assist in the activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, eating, and maintaining personal hygiene and safety;**
 2. **Is provided primarily for maintaining the recipient's or anyone else's safety;**
 3. **Could be provided by persons without professional skills or training; and**
 4. **Services, supplies or procedures performed in a non-conventional setting including, but not limited to: Resorts; Spas; Therapeutic programs; or Camps.**

Table of ABA Procedure Codes And Payment Rates

- The following tables display:
 - The crosswalk from the current procedure code to the new procedure code;
 - The modifier requirements where applicable;
 - The description of the new procedure code;
 - The new payment rates; and
 - The service unit.

Assessment

Existing Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Fee	New Procedure Code/Modifier	Code Description	New Medicaid Rate	Units
H0032	\$125.00	0359T TG	Assessment (by LBA *)	\$100	1 Hour
		0359T TF	Assessment (by SCABA **)	\$ 80	
H0032	\$125.00	0360T TG	Follow-Up Assessment (by LBA) First 30 Minutes	\$50	30 Minutes
		0360T TF	Follow-Up Assessment (by SCABA) First 30 Minutes	\$40	
		0360T	Follow-Up Assessment (by Tech ***) First 30 Minutes	\$22	
H0032	\$125.00	0361T TG	Follow-Up Assessment (by LBA) Additional 30 Minutes	\$50	30 Minutes
		3061T TF	Follow-Up Assessment (by SCABA) Additional 30 Minutes	\$40	
		3061T	Follow-Up Assessment (by Tech) Additional 30 Minutes	\$22	

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Treatment

Existing Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Fee	New Procedure Code/Modifier	Code Description	New Medicaid Rate	Units
H2019	\$18/LBA \$12.50 Tech	0364T TG	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (by LBA) First 30 Minutes	\$23	30 Minutes
		0364T TF	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (by SCABA) First 30 Minutes	\$23	
		0364T	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (by Tech) First 30 Minutes	\$19	
H2019	\$18/LBA \$12.50 Tech	0365T TG	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (by LBA) Additional 30 Minutes	\$23	30 Minutes
		0365T TF	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (by SCABA) Additional 30 Minutes	\$23	
		0365T	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (by Tech) Additional 30 Minutes	\$19	

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Supervision

Existing Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Fee	New Procedure Code/Modifier	Code Description	New Medicaid Rate	Units
G9012	\$18	0368T TG	Supervision–First 30 Minutes (by LBA) (Can bill with 0364T TF, 0364T and 0365T TF, 0365T)	\$45	30 Minutes
		0368T TF	Supervision–First 30 Minutes (by SCABA) (Can bill with 0364T and 0365T)	\$35	
G9012	\$18	0369T TG	Supervision – Additional 30 Minutes (by LBA) (Can bill with 0364T TF, 0364T and 0365T TF, 0365T)	\$45	30 Minutes
		0369T TF	Supervision–Additional 30 Minutes (by SCABA) (Can bill with 0364T and 0365T)	\$35	

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Group Services Not Previously Covered

New Procedure Code/Modifier	Code Description	New Medicaid Rate	Units
o366T TG	Group Adaptive Behavior (by LBA) First 30 Minutes	\$9	30 Minutes
o366T TF	Group Adaptive Behavior (by SCABA) First 30 Minutes	\$9	
o366T	Group Adaptive Behavior (by Tech) First 30 Minutes	\$9	
o367T TG	Group Adaptive Behavior (by LBA) Additional 30 Minutes	\$9	30 Minutes
o367T TF	Group Adaptive Behavior (by SCABA) Additional 30 Minutes	\$9	
o367T	Group Adaptive Behavior (by Tech) Additional 30 Minutes	\$9	

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0370T TG	Adaptive Behavior Treatment (by LBA) Social Skills Group – Patient Present	\$90	1 Hour
0370T TF	Adaptive Behavior Treatment (by SCABA) Social Skills Group – Patient Present	\$70	
0371T TG	Multiple-Family Group (by LBA) Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance	\$36	1 Hour
0371T TF	Multiple-Family Group (by SCABA) Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance	\$28	
0372T TG	Adaptive Behavior Treatment (by LBA) Social Skills Group – Without Patient	\$40	1 Hour
0372T TF	Adaptive Behavior Treatment (by SCABA) Social Skills Group – Without Patient	\$30	

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Prior Authorization of ABA Services

- ❖ All ABA services continue to require prior authorization through the Molina Prior Authorization Unit. The PA process has not changed.
- ❖ A prior authorization period shall not exceed 180 days. Services provided without prior authorization will not be considered for reimbursement.

Prior Authorization of ABA Services (cont'd)

- LDH will honor all prior authorizations already approved and in effect prior to December 21, 2016, and will pay those services using the approved codes from the prior authorization at the rate on file on or before December 31, 2016.
 - Example: A currently approved authorization for treatment with H2019 that covers service dates November 1, 2016 thru April 30, 2017 will continue to be billed for services using the code approved on the authorization and the services will be paid at the current fee on file when the authorization was approved.
- All new prior authorization requests received with a begin date of service on or after January 1, 2017 must be submitted using the new procedure codes and will be paid at the new rates.
 - Example: The current authorization for treatment approved with code H2019 (Adaptive Behavior Treatment by LBA) will end on December 31, 2016 and you need to submit a new request with a begin date of January 1, 2017. You must submit your PA request using the new procedure codes (0364T TG and/or 0365T TG) and, if approved, the services will be paid at the new rates.
- Prior authorization requests submitted after December 20, 2016 which include a begin date of service before January 1, 2017 and a thru date of service after January 1, 2017 must be split and submitted as two requests.
 - One request must be submitted with the current procedure code(s) to cover service dates through December 31, 2016.
 - Another request must be submitted with the new procedure code(s) to cover service dates January 1, 2017 forward.
 - Any e-PA requests received after December 20, 2016 with dates that overlap 2017 will be rejected.
 - Example: The current authorization for treatment approved with code H2019 (Adaptive Behavior Treatment by LBA) ends on December 27, 2016. The new request for services is not submitted until December 21, 2016. You must submit two PA requests: (1) A request with a begin date of service December 28, 2016 through December 31, 2016 using the current procedure code H2019, and (2) a request using the new procedure code(s) 0364T TG and/or 0365T TG (Adaptive Behavior Treatment by LBA) with a begin date of service January 1, 2017 through the end of the period for which you are requesting authorization.

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