



# Provider Alert

## Billing Instructions Massachusetts/Mass Health (Medicaid) Coverage for Applied Behavior Analysis

Effective October 1, 2022

Optum has adopted the Applied Behavior Analysis procedure codes and rates provided by MA MassHealth ([101 CMR 358.00](#)) effective October 1, 2022.

Existing authorizations obtained prior to 10/1/2022 are being updated to coincide with the new procedure codes, rates, and effective date. This update is expected to be completed by **12/1/2022**. You will receive a new Authorization letter effective with the original effective date and reflective of the changes.

Claims submitted with the old codes prior to the date in which the new codes and rates have been fully updated in our systems may deny. If this occurs, please resubmit claims with the updated codes listed below after the abovementioned completion date for correct reimbursement.

Code	Rate	Service Description
97151	\$30.73	Behavior identification assessment, administered by a physician or other qualified health care professional, each 15 minutes of the physician's or other qualified health care professional's time face-to-face with patient and/or guardian(s)/caregiver(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. (Initial functional behavior assessment and reassessment).
97153	\$16.37	Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes. (Adaptive behavior treatment).
97154	\$13.91	Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with two or more patients, each 15 minutes. (Social skills group, up to 8 participants).



97155	\$30.73	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional, which may include simultaneous direction of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes. (Adaptive behavior treatment).
97156	\$30.73	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes. (Parent training with or without child present).
97157	\$26.12	Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians/caregivers, each 15 minutes. (Multiple group parent training, up to 8 participants).
H0031-U2	\$30.73	Mental health assessment by physician or other qualified health professional (Assessment and case planning for home services by a licensed professional. 15-minute rate.)

If you have question, please contact your assigned Network Manager, or call our Provider Service Line at **1-877-614-0484**. Thank you for your participation in our network.