

TRICARE ACD: Provider Information Meeting 2019 Category I Current Procedural Terminology Codes

December 2018



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Agenda



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Crosswalk Table



TRICARE ACD: ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR SERVICE CATEGORY III TO I CPT CROSSWALK

CATEGORY III CPT CODES UNTIL 12/31/18

CATEGORY I CPT CODES BEGINNING 1/1/19

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	CPT III Codes	Description	Required Session Participants	Approved Rendering Provider Type	Timing	MUEs	CPT I Codes	Description	Required Session Participants	Approved Rendering Provider Type	Timing	MUEs
Assessment	0359T	Behavior identification assessment by the physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with patient and caregiver(s). Includes administration of standardized and non-standardized tests, detailed behavioral history, patient observation and caregiver interview, interpretation of test results, discussion of findings and recommendations with the primary guardian(s)/caregiver(s), and preparation of report.	client, QHP	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	untimed	1 unit/6 months	97151	Behavior identification assessment, administered by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, each 15 minutes of the physician's or other qualified healthcare 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.	client, QHP	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	per 15 min	16 units/6 months *All 16 units must be billed within a 2-week period
	0360T/ 0361T	Observational behavioral follow-up assessment/Supervised fieldwork	client, technician QHP	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	per 30 min	6 units/day (3 hr/day)	No longer covered CPT code					
	T1023	PDDBI Assessment	BCBA only	BCBA-D/ BCBA	untimed	1 unit/6 months	T1023	PDDBI Assessment	BCBA only	BCBA-D/ BCBA	untimed	1 unit/6 months
Treatment	0364T/ 0365T	Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol administered by technician, face-to-face with one patient; first 30 minutes of technician time.	client, technician (QHP may substitute for the technician)	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant BT	per 30 min	16 units/day (8 hrs/day)	97153	Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.	client, technician (QHP may substitute for the technician)	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant BT	per 15 min	32 units/day (8 hrs/day)
	0368T/ 0369T	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional with one patient; first 30 minutes of patient face-to-face time.	client, QHP; may include technician and/or caregiver	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	per 30 min	4 units/day (2 hrs/day)	97155	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional, which may include simultaneous direction of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.	client, QHP; may include technician and/or caregiver	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	per 15 min	8 units/day (2 hrs/day)
	0370T	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional (without the patient present).	caregiver and QHP	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	untimed	1 unit/day	97156	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.	caregiver and QHP	BCBA-D BCBA Assistant	per 15 min	8 units/day (2 hrs/day)

New Category I CPT Codes



- New Category I CPT codes will replace Category III CPT codes January 1, 2019.
- Autism Care Demonstration (ACD) will have a direct crosswalk between covered Category III to Category I CPT codes.
- Future manual changes may include additional codes.
- Concurrent billing continues to be excluded for all ACD Category I CPT codes except when the family and the beneficiary are receiving separate services and the beneficiary is not present in the family session.

Behavior identification assessment 0359T to 97151



- Category III CPT code 0359T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97151
- Description:
 - Administered by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional (QHP), each 15 minutes of the physician's or other QHP'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.

Behavior identification assessment

Category I CPT Code 97151



■ Required Session Participants:

Client, QHP

■ Approved Rendering Provider Type:

BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant

■ Timing:

Per 15 minutes

■ MUEs:

16 units/6 months

All 16 units must be billed within a two week (14-day) period

Supervised Fieldwork

0360T/0361T



- No corresponding Category I CPT code.
- TRICARE no longer specifies supervision requirements under the ACD and subsequently will not be reimbursed.
- DHA is responding to the ABA provider feedback that supervision under the ACD was overly restrictive.
- DHA will defer the supervision requirements to the certification bodies.

Outcome Measures Code T1023



- No changes
- Required Session Participants:
 - BCBA
- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
 - BCBA-D, BCBA
- Timing:
 - Untimed
- MUEs:
 - 1 unit/6 months (2 additional units may be authorized to complete the Vineland-3 and SRS-2)

Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol 0364T/0365T to 97153



- Category III CPT code 0364T/0365T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97153
- Description:
 - Administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.

Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol 97153



- Required Session Participants:
 - Client, technician (QHP may substitute for the technician)
- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
 - BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant, BT
- Timing:
 - Per 15 minutes
- MUEs:
 - 32 units/day (8hrs/day)

Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification 0368T/0369T to 97155



- Category III CPT code 0368T/0369T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97155
- Description:
 - Administered by physician or other QHP, which may include simultaneous direction of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.

Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification 97155



- Required Session Participants:
 - Client, QHP; may include technician and/or caregiver
- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
 - BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant
- Timing:
 - Per 15 minutes
- MUEs:
 - 8 units/day (2hrs/day)

Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance 0370T to 97156



- Category III CPT code 0370T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97156
- Description:
 - Administered by physician or other QHP (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.

Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance 97156



■ Required Session Participants:

- Caregiver, QHP, client may or may not be present

■ Approved Rendering Provider Type:

- BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant

■ Timing:

- Per 15 minutes

■ MUEs:

- 8 units/day (2hrs/day)

Authorizations



- Initial authorizations issued on or after January 1, 2019 shall be submitted using the new Category I codes for ABA services.
- For services rendered through December 31, 2018, Category III CPT codes will still be submitted.
- New authorizations will not be required as a result of the transition from Category III to Category I CPT codes, meaning that the current authorization will run its full period and when the next 6th month authorization arrives, a new authorization with the Category I CPT codes will be issued.
- For additional questions regarding an authorization, please contact your regional contractor.

Claims



- All claims submitted for services performed on or after January 1, 2019 shall be cross-walked automatically to the new Category I CPT codes for ABA services under the existing authorization.
- Do not submit claims for services rendered before January 1, 2019 using the new Category I CPT codes.
- Do not submit claims for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019 using the old Category III CPT codes

Reimbursement Rates



■ Hourly rates retained

□ Changes include:

- from a 30 minute to a 15 minute rate
- Untimed codes are now timed (except for T1023)

■ Floor maintained - no negotiations for rates

Copays



- For CPT code 97151, all assessment services rendered within a two week period using this CPT code shall be subject to one cost-share/copayment.
- For all other CPT codes rendered on or after January 1, 2019, all ABA services rendered on the same day shall be subject to only one cost-share/copayment per day.
- Other (non-ABA) services rendered on the same day as ABA services shall follow normal TRICARE cost-share/copayment rules.

Other



- Indirect services not reimbursed
- Aligning closer to the medical benefit
- Improving access
- No change in the direct service to the beneficiary
- Modernizing the benefit

QUESTIONS