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School-Based Individualized Education Program Direct Services – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

Effective Date: July 01, 2020

- Applies to:**
- **ABA qualified licensed psychologist;**
 - **Licensed behavior analyst;**
 - **Licensed assistant behavior analyst**

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ABA POLICY UPDATE

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reimburse for ABA services included in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Eligible practitioners include:

- ABA qualified psychologist
- Licensed behavior analyst
- Licensed assistant behavior analyst

The school district must be enrolled as the billing provider. The school-based IEP direct services program allows the school to receive the federal match portion of funds allocated for these IEP direct services. Only the direct services in the IEP and up to the amount and duration identified in the IEP are reimbursable. All MHD ABA services guidelines and limitations, including precertification requirements and daily, monthly, and annual limits, apply to school-based IEP direct services.

ABA PRACTITIONER INDIVIDUAL ENROLLMENT

ABA practitioners interested in providing services for students in public or charter schools that are not already enrolled MO HealthNet providers, may enroll online at <https://peu.momed.com/peu/momed/presentation/commongui/PeHome.jsp> using the following instructions to complete the application:

- After reading the first page, select 'Continue' at the bottom of the page. On the next page, select 'NEW Provider Enrollment Applications.'
- All enrollment applications are available online. Choose ABA qualified psychologist, licensed behavior analyst, or licensed assistant behavior analyst from the list and select 'Next'.
- Complete the application and follow the instructions for submission.
- Ensure you enroll as a "performing" provider (with the MO HealthNet enrolled public or charter school district in the State of Missouri)
- The school district will be the billing provider, not the "performing" ABA practitioner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED

School districts currently enrolled to provide IEP direct services and seeking to include behavioral health school-based IEP direct services must contact Provider Enrollment to request to add the service to the provider file. Submit your request in one of the following ways:

Email: MMAC.ProviderEnrollment@dss.mo.gov or

Fax: (573) 634-3105

SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED

School districts interested in billing the MHD for behavioral health school-based IEP direct services or any other covered school-based IEP direct service (therapy, private duty nursing, personal care, hearing aid) may enroll online at www.emomed.com by clicking on the Provider Enrollment Application link.

Use the following instructions to complete the application:

- Carefully read the first page, then select 'Continue' at the bottom of the page. On the next page, select 'NEW Provider Enrollment Applications.'
- Choose 'School Based/School District Services' from the list and select 'Next'.
- Complete the application and follow the instructions for submitting.
- Be sure to fax the signature page to (573) 634-3105 or the application will not be received.
- School districts that bill IEP direct services must participate in the [IEP Direct Services Cost Settlement Program](#) and the [School District Administrative Claiming Program](#). For additional information, please reference the [program manuals](#) or contact the MO HealthNet Division Program Operations Unit by e-mail MHDSchoolPrograms@dss.mo.gov or by calling 573-751-9290.

Any questions regarding provider applications and general questions for Provider Enrollment must be communicated by email to MMAC.providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov.

PROCEDURE CODES AND RATES BY PROVIDER TYPE

The following table includes procedure codes and modifiers billable for services performed by ABA qualified psychologists, behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and registered behavior technicians (RBT®). Providers must use the HM modifier to indicate services performed by RBT®. Services provided as documented in an IEP are reimbursed at the Federal Financial Participation rate. The remainder of the allowed amount is the responsibility of the school district originating the IEP.

Technicians who provide direct implementation of ABA services under the supervision of a licensed provider must be credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as an RBT®. The supervisory relationship must be documented in writing, and the licensed supervisor is responsible for the work performed by the RBT®.

CPT® Code Description	Qualified Psychologist or Behavior Analyst		Assistant Behavior Analyst		Qualified Psychologist, Behavior Analyst or Assistant Behavior Analyst for RBT Services	
	Procedure Code	Allowed Amount	Procedure Code	Allowed Amount	Procedure Code	Allowed Amount
BHV ID ASSMT BY PHYS/QHP	97151 TM HO	\$24.78	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BHV ID SUPRT ASSMT BY 1 TECH	97152 TM HO	\$21.09	97152 TM HN	\$12.21	97152 TM HM	\$7.70
ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR TX BY TECH	97153 TM HO	\$7.70	97153 TM HN	\$7.70	97153 TM HM	\$7.70
ADAPT BEHAVIOR TX PHYS/QHP	97155 TM HO	\$21.40	97155 TM HN	\$12.30	N/A	N/A
FAM ADAPT BHV TX GDN PHY/QHP	97156 TM HO	\$19.25	97156 TM HN	\$11.07	N/A	N/A
GRP ADAPT BHV TX BY PHY/QHP	97158 TM HO	\$1.96	97158 TM HN	\$1.60	N/A	N/A
ADAPT BHV TX EA 15 MIN	0373T TM HO	\$21.40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BHV ID SUPRT ASSMT EA 15 MIN	0362T TM HO	\$21.40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

APPLICABILITY

Children enrolled in a MHD managed care health plan receive school based ABA services that are identified in an IEP on a fee-for-service basis outside of the MHD managed care benefit package.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) website at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD website at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896**