



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

New Hampshire Medicaid Program

**To:** Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Providers  
**From:** New Hampshire Medicaid  
**Date:** April 2019  
**Subject:** Unbundling of Procedure Code H2019 and ABA Rate Changes

Effective with dates of service beginning May 1, 2019, NH Medicaid will no longer pay a bundled rate for applied behavioral analysis (ABA). Payment will be made for three (3) distinct components of ABA therapy: direct treatment, supervision, and parent training. This will be accomplished by establishing new procedure codes - each with its own rate. Additionally, the maximum units for an initial assessment will be increased from 8 units (2 hours) to 32 units (8 hours) in accordance with practice guidelines issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and CMS Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE). All ABA treatment will continue to require service authorizations (SA).

NH Healthy Families and the Well Sense Health Plan will also adopt this change in ABA reimbursement effective May 1, 2019.

**Codes and Rates Effective May 1, 2019**

Procedure Code	S/A	Description	Old rate per 15 minutes	New rate per 15 minutes
97151	Yes	Initial assessment and reassessment	\$15.00	\$15.00
97153	Yes	Direct ABA Treatment	\$15.00	\$16.25
97155	Yes	Supervision of a technician	Not covered	\$15.00
97156	Yes	Parent training	Not covered	\$15.00

For billing information or billing questions for:

State Fee-For-Service members: contact NH Medicaid Provider Relations Call Center at 866-291-1674

NH Healthy Families members: contact Provider Services at 866-769-3085

Well Sense Health Plan members: contact Provider Relations at 855-834-5655 or email Provider Relations at [Provider.Relations@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:Provider.Relations@beaconhealthoptions.com)

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