

# New Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) CPT codes

Effective 1/1/2020

**Summary of change:** AmeriHealth Caritas Delaware has updated its system to include the following ABA and HBAI codes that were added to the Delaware Behavioral Health (BH) Fee Schedule.

Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) — effective date of 1/1/2020	
CPT® code	Descriptor
<b>Assessment services</b>	
96156	Health behavior assessment or reassessment — includes health-focused clinical interviews, behavioral observations, and clinical decision-making.
<b>Individual intervention services</b>	
96158	Health behavior intervention; individual; initial 30 minutes; face-to-face.
96159	Health behavior intervention; individual; each additional 15 minutes; face-to-face.
<b>Group intervention services</b>	
96164	Health and behavior intervention; group (two or more patients); initial 30 minutes; face-to-face.
96165	Health and behavior intervention; group (two or more patients); additional 15 minutes; face-to-face.
<b>Family intervention with patient present</b>	
96167	Health and behavior intervention; family (with patient present); initial 30 minutes; face-to-face.
96168	Health and behavior intervention; family (with patient present); each additional 30 minutes; face-to-face.
<b>Family intervention without patient present</b>	
96170	Health and behavior intervention; family (without patient present); initial 30 minutes; face-to-face.
96171	Health and behavior intervention; family (without patient present); each additional 15 minutes; face-to-face.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) — effective date of 1/1/2019	
CPT® code	Descriptor
97151	Behavior identification assessment, administered by a qualified healthcare professional (QHP); each 15 minutes of QHP's time face-to-face with patient and/or guardian(s)/caregivers(s) administering assessments and discussing findings and recommendations, and time not face-to-face spent analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan.
97152	Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by one technician under the direction of QHP; face-to-face with the patient; each 15 minutes.
97153	Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a QHP; face-to-face with one patient; each 15 minutes.
97155	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by QHP, which may include simultaneous direction of technician; face-to-face with one patient; each 15 minutes.
97156	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by QHP (with or without patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.

**Specialty/certification billing requirements:**

- **HBAI:**
  - No specialty requirements.
  - Must bill with appropriate modifiers.
- **ABA:**
  - Board Certified Assistant Behavioral Analyst (BCAB) — No modifiers required.
  - Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) — Must bill with appropriate modifiers.

**What this means for you:**

Please make sure your billing staff is aware of these changes to help ensure timely and accurate claims payments.

**Questions:**

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Delaware's Provider Services department at **1-855-707-5818** or your Provider Network Management Account Executive.