

# New Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) CPT codes reference guide



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All codes are in 15 minute increments (1 unit = 15 minutes)

## 97151 Behavioral identification assessment

- Use for Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) or reassessments
- Administered by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional (QHP)
- Includes face-to-face time administering standardized and/or non-standardized tools and procedures
- Includes some indirect time for FBA or reassessments such as analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment and preparing the report/treatment plan

## 97152 Behavioral identification supporting assessment

- Use for gathering additional information for the FBA or reassessment
- Administered by one technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP
- Includes face-to-face time only

## 0362T Behavior identification supporting assessment

- Use for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior
  - Destructive behaviors are defined as maladaptive behaviors associated with a high risk of medical consequences or property damage
  - Examples include (but are not limited to):
    - Self-injury **requiring medical attention**
    - Aggression with **injury** to others
    - Breaking furniture, walls or windows
- Conducted in an environment that is customized to the patient's behavior
- Two or more technicians with a physician or other QHP on site
- Per AMA – **On-site** is defined as immediately available and interruptible to provide assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. However, the physician or other QHP does not need to be present in the room when the procedure is performed.

## 97153 Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol

- Use for one-on-one, direct ABA services with patient
- Administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP
- If the physician or QHP personally performs the one-on-one direct services with patient, this code would be used

## 97154 Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol

- Use for group services
- Administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP
- Two or more patients present with an eight patient limit

## 97155 Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification

- Use for oversight of technician and protocol modification
- Administered by a physician or other QHP
- Patient is present/service is face to face

## 97156 Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance

- Use for parent training
- Administered by a physician or other QHP
- With or without the patient present
- If this code is requested, parent goals should be included in treatment plan

## 97157 Multiple family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance

- Use for group services with parents, guardians, caregivers
- Administered by a physician or other QHP
- The patient is **not** present
- Limited to eight families per group

## 97158 Group adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification

- Use for group services
- Administered by a physician or other QHP
- Two or more patients present with an eight patient limit

## 0373T Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification (exposure treatment)

- Use for one-on-one direct ABA services with patient who exhibits destructive behavior
  - Destructive behaviors are defined as: Maladaptive behaviors associated with a high risk of medical consequences or property damageExamples include (but are not limited to):
  - Self-injury **requiring medical attention**
  - Aggression with **injury** to others
  - Breaking furniture, walls or windows
- Conducted in an environment that is customized to the patient's behavior
- Two or more technicians with a physician or other QHP on site
- Per AMA — **On-site** is defined as immediately available and interruptible to provide assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. However, the physician or other qualified health care professional does not need to be present in the room when the procedure is performed.
- If the physician or QHP personally performs these one-on-one direct services with patient, this code would be used

## Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs)

For information on MUE's, please refer to the CMS website for the latest update: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/nationalcorrectcodinitd/mue.html>

<https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ca>

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