

Adaptive Behavior Assessment and Treatment Code Conversion Table

| | Essential Elements of Applied Behavior Analysis Services ¹ | General Description | HCPCS Code(s) ² | 2014 Category III CPT® Codes for Adaptive Behavior Services | | | 2019 Category I / III CPT® Codes for Adaptive Behavior Services | | | | |
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| | | | | Descriptor | Code | Time/Units | Attended By | Descriptor | Code | Time/Units | Attended By |
| Assessment Codes | <p>Development of individualized treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP.³</p> <p>Assessment may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review of file information about client's medical status, prior assessments, prior treatments; stakeholder interviews and rating scales; review of assessments by other professionals; direct observation and measurement of client behavior in structured and unstructured situations; determination of baseline levels of adaptive and maladaptive behaviors; functional behavior analysis. | Assessment for treatment plan development | H0031, H0032, 96150, 96151, 68539 | 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. | 0359T | untimed | client, QHP ³ | 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. | 97151 | per 15 min | client, QHP ³ |
| | | | | Observational behavioral follow-up assessment. Includes physician or other qualified healthcare professional direction with interpretation and report, administered by one technician; first 30 minutes of technician time, face-to-face with the patient. | 0360T | first 30 min | client, technician (QHP ³ may substitute for the technician) | Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by one technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minute. | 97152 | per 15 min | client, technician (QHP ³ may substitute for the technician) |
| | | | | Observational behavioral follow-up assessment, each additional 30 minutes of technician time, face-to-face with the patient (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). | 0361T | each add'l 30 min | client, technician (QHP ³ may substitute for the technician) | | | | |
| | | Functional analysis of severe maladaptive behaviors in specialized settings | Some payers accept H2019, H2020, 90899, S9480, 99499 | Exposure behavioral follow-up assessment. Includes physician or other qualified healthcare professional direction with interpretation and report, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional with the assistance of one or more technicians; first 30 minutes of technician(s) time, face-to-face with the patient. | 0362T | first 30 min | client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ | Behavior identification supporting assessment, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components: | 0362T | per 15 min | client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ |
| Exposure behavioral follow-up assessment, each additional 30 minutes of technician(s) time, face-to-face with the patient (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). | 0363T | | | each add'l 30 min | client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ | | | | | | |
| Indirect Services by QHP ³ | Treatment plan development. Includes: | Treatment planning by QHP ³ | H0032 | Bundled with services above and below. | | | Bundled with services above and below. | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> selection of treatment targets in collaboration with family members and other stakeholders development of written protocols for treating and measuring all treatment targets | Direction of technicians by QHP ³ | H0032, S5108, 69012, 96152 | Direction of technician by QHP ³ | | | <p>If QHP³ is directing the technician without the client present this is a bundled service and is captured by the codes above and below.</p> <p>If the QHP³ is directing a technician or caregiver with the client present, report using the 97155 code below.</p> <p>97155 may be reported concurrently with technician delivered services 97153 when the patient is present, one or more protocols have been modified, and the QHP is directing the technician.</p> | | | | |

Modifiers commonly used with these codes include HO/HP for the supervising behavior analyst/QHP³ and HM/HN for the technician. Other modifiers vary by state and/or payer.

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| Treatment Codes | <p>Implementation and management of treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP³.</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training technicians to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> carry out treatment protocols accurately, frequently, and consistently; record data on treatment targets; record notes; summarize and graph data. • Training family members and other caregivers to implement selected aspects of treatment plan. • Ongoing supervision of technician and caregiver implementation. • Ongoing, frequent review and analysis of direct observational data on treatment targets. • Modification of treatment targets and protocols based on data. • Training technicians, family members, and other caregivers to implement revised protocols. | Direct treatment | H2019 | Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol administered by technician, face-to-face with one patient; first 30 minutes of technician time. | 0364T | first 30 min | client, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i> | 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. | 97153 | per 15 min | client, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i> |
| | | | | Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, each additional 30 minutes of technician time <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i> | 0365T | each add'l 30 min | client, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i> | | | | |
| | | Direct treatment of severe maladaptive behavior in specialized settings | H2019, H2020, 90899, 9480, 99499 | Exposure adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification requiring two or more technicians for severe maladaptive behavior(s); first 60 minutes of technicians' time, face-to-face with patient. | 0373T | first 60 min | client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ on site | Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • administered by the physician or other qualified healthcare professional who is on site⁴; • with the assistance of two or more technicians; • for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; • completed in an environment that is customized, to the patient's behavior. | 0373T | per 15 min | client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ on site |
| | | | | Exposure adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification requiring two or more technicians for severe maladaptive behavior(s); each additional 30 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with patient <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i> | 0374T | each add'l 30 min | client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ on site | | | | |
| | | Direct treatment by QHP ³ | H2012, H2019, 96152-96155 | 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. | 0368T | first 30 min | client, QHP ³ ; may include technician and/or caregiver | 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. | 97155 | per 15 min | client, QHP ³ ; may include technician and/or caregiver |
| | | | | Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional with one patient; each additional 30 minutes of patient face-to-face time <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i> | 0369T | each add'l 30 min | client, QHP ³ ; may include technician and/or caregiver | | | | |
| | | Group treatment | H2014, H2020 | Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol administered by technician, face-to-face with two or more patients; first 30 minutes of technician time. | 0366T | first 30 min | 2 or more clients, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i> | Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with two or more patients, each 15 minutes. | 97154 | per 15 min | 2 or more clients, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i> |
| | | | | Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, each additional 30 minutes of technician time <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i> | 0367T | each add'l 30 min | 2 or more clients, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i> | | | | |
| | | | | Adaptive behavior treatment social skills group administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional face-to-face with multiple patients. | 0372T | untimed | 2 or more clients and QHP ³ | Group adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with multiple patients, each 15 minutes. | 97158 | per 15 min | 2 or more clients and QHP ³ |
| | | Family training | S5110 | Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional <i>(without the patient present)</i> . | 0370T | untimed | caregiver and QHP ³ | 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. | 97156 | per 15 min | caregiver and QHP ³ |
| Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional <i>(without the patient present)</i> . | 0371T | | | untimed | caregivers of 2 or more clients and QHP ³ | Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians/caregivers, each 15 minutes. | 97157 | per 15 min | caregivers of 2 or more clients and QHP ³ | | |

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