

# GETTING REIMBURSED – APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS

The following guide of CPT codes will help you build the best strategy to submit the correct telemedicine/telehealth/virtual care billing, coding, and documentation to receive insurance reimbursement. Point Motion's Cloud platform has preloaded these select codes and automates your reporting. Contact Point Motion today to learn more at [info@pointmotioncontrol.com](mailto:info@pointmotioncontrol.com).

## TELE-ABA

Payers that cover telehealth for ABA include:

Anthem/BCBS GA

BCBS IL & TX

Cigna

United/Optum

Washington State Health Care Authority

Almost all Payers in CA cover telehealth services for ABA, including Medical

**Code Modifier (GT) or Place of Service Code (POS2):** Most funding sources use the GT modifier and 02 for place of service but providers should verify this information with each source/insurance. Insurance carriers may require both or only one modifier or place of service code to be used per telehealth encounter.

**CODE 97151** Behavior Identification Assessment, administered by 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 non-face-to-face analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan

Reimbursement Range      \$31.25 - \$46.66 each 15 minutes

**CODE 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

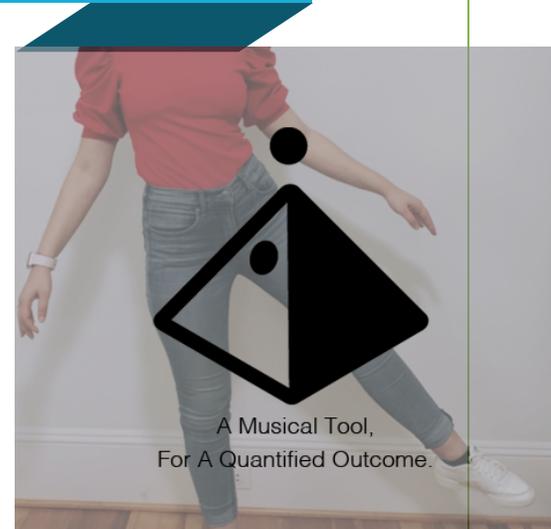
Reimbursement Range      \$31.25 - \$44.24 each 15 minutes

**CODE 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.

Reimbursement Range      \$31.25 - \$44.74 each 15 minutes

## HCPCS Codes

In some states, HCPCS codes can be billed for the Telehealth originating site facility fee by the originating site (the site at which the beneficiary is located).



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HCPCS code T1023 can be billed only by diagnostic assessment agencies for screening / evaluation to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project or treatment protocol, per encounter (1 unit = 1 event). T1023 (1 unit) is billed for the date that the total assessment is completed by the agency that employs the providers of service.

### CURRENT MEDICALLY UNLIKELY EDITS (MUE'S)

Purpose of MUE is to limit fraud, not to limit medically necessary treatment. • Billable units may exceed MUE but may be burdensome to bill. • Steering committee has asked CMS/NCCI to increase MUE of some codes.

CPT Code	Units Per Day	Notes
97151	32 for Medicaid	Only Medicare unit of 8 is published. Share Steering Committee letter with payors.*
97152	8	Steering Committee has received requests to increase this MUE.
97153	32	
97154	12	Steering Committee has requested this be increased to 16.
97155	24	Steering Committee has requested this be increased to 32.
97156	16	
97157	16	
97158	16	
0362T	8	
0373T	32	

**\*Available to ABAI members on ABAI website**

Projecting the Value of Reimbursements with the following assumptions:

- 97151 , 97155 and 97156 are only codes available today for Tele-ABA.
- Projections calculated assuming maximum MUEs.
- Rates calculated based off of Medicare and Medicaid Insurance Providers. Private Insurance Providers will offer higher rates yet vary; refer to your insurance represented to confirm their current rates and policy.

Code 97151 can generate a reimbursement range between \$12,000 - \$17,900 in reimbursements per year

Code 97155 can generate a reimbursement range between \$9,000 - \$12,700 in reimbursements per year

Code 97156 can generate a reimbursement range between \$6,000 - \$8,500 in reimbursements per year

With these 3 telehealth codes which have been activated for Tele-ABA, practices can see an additional **\$27,000 - \$39,100 revenue per year**

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