

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 | | | | |
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| Indirect Services by QHP ³ | <p>Treatment plan development. Includes:</p> <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 | Treatment planning by QHP ³ | H0032 | Bundled with services above and below. | | | | Bundled with services above and below. | | | |
| | | 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> | | | |

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| Treatment Codes | Implementation and management of treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP ³ . Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training technicians to (a) carry out treatment protocols accurately, frequently, and consistently; (b) record data on treatment targets; (c) record notes; (d) 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, S9480, 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 |
| | | 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 |
| S5111 | 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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