

PROVIDER ALERT

Guidance on the Continuation of Telehealth for ABA Services

November 2, 2021

Target Audience: ABA Providers

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) will continue some Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) codes via audio-visual telehealth and sunset others.

At this time, ABA providers may continue to render up to 100% of supervision services (97155) via telehealth. In addition, both parent training and group parent training (97156/97156-U2, 97157) will be permitted to be rendered via audio-visual telehealth.

When billing for services that are rendered via two-way HIPAA compliant audio-visual telehealth, providers must bill using the GT modifier and Place of Service 11 to indicate a telehealth delivery model.

Consistent with previous guidance relating to telehealth services, **effective November 1, 2021, Maryland Medicaid will no longer reimburse for the telehealth delivery of the following ABA services: 97151, 97152, 97153, 97154, 97158, H2012, 0362T and 0373T.** These billing codes issued by the American Medical Association require the service to be provided in-person or face-to-face. Based on these requirements and clinical appropriateness, MDH has updated its policy.

For full details please view the recent [provider transmittal](#).

Please forward any questions to mdh.aba@maryland.gov or MarylandProviderRelations@Optum.com.

Thank you,

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