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### TO: Behavioral Health Providers

*Psychiatric Hospital (PT 02 / PL #A-115)*  
*Behavioral Health Service Organization (PT 03 / PL # A-30)*  
*Chemical Dependency Treatment (PT 06 / PL #A-11)*  
*Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (PT 16 / PL #A-12)*  
*School Based Health Services (PT 21 / PL #A-18)*  
*Community Mental Health Services (PT 30 / PL #A-131)*  
*Licensed Professional Art Therapist (PT 62 / PL #A-16)*  
*Licensed Behavioral Analyst (PT 63 / PL #A-14)*  
*Licensed Behavioral Analyst Group (PT 639 / PL #A-11)*  
*Physician (PT 64 / PL #A-402)*  
*Physician Group (PT 65 / PL #A-57)*  
*Behavioral Health Multi-Specialty Group (PT 66 / PL #A-20)*  
*Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PT 67 / PL #A-9)*  
*Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor Group (PT 679 / PL #A-6)*  
*Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (PT 78 / PL #A-116)*  
*Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Group (PT 789 / PL #A-15)*

*Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (PT 81 / PL #A-17)*  
*Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Group (PT 819 / PL #A-17)*  
*Licensed Clinical Social Worker (PT 82 / PL #A-23)*  
*Licensed Clinical Social Worker Group (PT 829 / PL #A-14)*  
*Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PT 83 / PL #A-17)*  
*Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Group (PT 839 / PL #A-14)*  
*Licensed Psychological Practitioner (PT 84 / PL #A-16)*  
*Licensed Psychological Practitioner Group (PT 849 / PL #A-14)*  
*Licensed Psychologist (PT 89 / PL #A-22)*  
*Licensed Psychologist Group (PT 899 / PL #A-14)*  
*Physician's Assistant (PT 95 / PL #A-112)*  
*Physician's Assistant Group (PT 959 / PL #A-10)*

FROM: Dr. Leslie Hoffmann, Deputy Commissioner



DATE: December 3, 2025

RE: Concurrent Billing for Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 97153 and 97155

Dear Providers,

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is reaching out to provide updated guidance on allowable concurrent billing for the following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes on the current DMS fee schedule:

- CPT code 97153 -Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol- administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional
- CPT code 97155-Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification- administered by physician or other qualified health care professional

Per the American Medical Association (AMA) CPT guidance, DMS wishes to notify providers that effective December 2, 2025, procedure code 97155 may be billed concurrently with procedure code 97153 when the patient is present, and the qualified health professional is directing the technician who is implementing a modified treatment protocol. As always, all treatment must be medically necessary for the individual and reflected in the individual's plan of care.

If you have any questions regarding the guidance provided in this letter, please reach out to [DMS.ISSUES@ky.gov](mailto:DMS.ISSUES@ky.gov).