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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Behavioral Health Service Organizations (PT 03 / PL # A-6)  
Licensed Professional Art Therapist (PT 62 / PL # A-5)  
Licensed Professional Art Therapist Group (PT 629 / PL # A-3)  
Applied Behavior Analyst (PT 63 / PL # A-5)  
Applied Behavior Analyst Group (PT 639 / PL # A-3)  
Behavioral Health Multi-Specialty Group (PT 66 / PL # A-6)  
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (PT 81 / PL # A-7)  
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Group (PT 819 / PL # A-5)  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (PT 82 / PL # A-13)  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Group (PT 829 / PL # A-5)  
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PT 83 / PL # A-7)  
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Group (PT 839 / PL # A-5)  
Licensed Psychological Practitioner (PT 84 / PL # A-6)  
Licensed Psychological Practitioner Group (PT 849 / PL # A-4)  
Licensed Psychologist (PT 89 / PL # A-13)  
Licensed Psychologist Group (PT 899 / PL # A-5)

**FROM:** Lee A. Guice, Director  
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**DATE:** February 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services Fee Schedules, Effective 1/1/2019  
Psychological & Neuropsychological Testing and Evaluation Behavior Analyst Services

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FEE SCHEDULES**

In order to remain current with regulation standards and 2019 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has updated the Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services Outpatient (Non-Facility) and Inpatient (Facility) Fee Schedules for services provided to fee-for-service members. The updated fee schedules are posted on the Department website and may be accessed at the following web address: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/feesrates.aspx>.

These updates include removing deleted codes and replacing them with 2019 Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing and Evaluation CPT Codes, descriptions, and reimbursement rates. Adaptive Behavior Assessment and Treatment specific CPT codes, descriptions, and reimbursement rates for Applied Behavior Analysis services are included as well. Select Evaluation and Management codes have been added for both new and established patient office visits which correspond to existing psychotherapy codes performed



with a medical service. Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) expanded codes to include different time intervals. Added Smoking Cessation service codes can also be found on the 1/1/2019 Fee Schedules.

### **BEHAVIOR ANALYST SERVICES**

New Category I codes for billing ABA therapy services have been released for 2019. Therefore, information in a 2016 Provider Letter (#A-103) that gave “Suggested HCPCS Codes for Services Rendered” for Behavior Analyst Service Definitions will no longer apply and the new CPT coding corresponding to these services shall be utilized. DMS has updated the crosswalk to show the previously suggested coding and 2019 correct coding. Please note that this new crosswalk does not change the procedures and codes that no longer apply to ABA services. The codes should still be utilized for their intended medically necessary purposes. The UC modifier should continue to be used to indicate services performed by Registered Behavior Technicians performing ABA services.

<b>State Plan and Regulation Language</b>	<b>Previously Suggested HCPCS Codes for Services Rendered</b>	<b>Behavior Analyst Service Definitions</b>	<b>2019 *NEW* Procedure Codes for ABA Services</b>
Individual Therapy	H2019, Therapeutic Behavioral Services, 15 minutes	Adaptive Behavior treatment; with protocol modification	<b>97155, Adaptive Behavior Treatment with protocol modification...</b>
Assessment	H0031, Mental Health Assessment, by non-physician	Behavior identification assessment	<b>97151, Behavior identification assessment...preparing the report/treatment plan.</b>
Service Planning	H0032, Mental Health service plan development by non-physician	Service Planning	
Group Therapy	H0025, Behavioral health prevention education service (delivery of service with target population to affect knowledge, attitude and/or behavior)	Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance and adaptive behavior treatment social skills group	<b>97157, Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance...</b>  <b>97158, Group adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification...</b>
Collateral Therapy	H2027, Psychoeducational service, per 15 minutes	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance	<b>97156, Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance...</b>
Comprehensive Community Support	H2015, Comprehensive Community Support services, 15 minutes	Exposure adaptive behavior treatment; with protocol modification	<b>97152, Behavior identification supporting assessment...</b>  <b>97153, Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol...</b>  <b>97154, Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol...</b>

### **OTHER CHANGES**

- Removal of H2021 Community Based Wrap Around services formerly utilized for billing Comprehensive Community Support services will use H2015 only for this service.
- Replacement of H2019 with H2020. H2020 is a per diem code which requires a minimum of 5 service hours.
- The U8 modifier will now be used for Licensed Psychological Practitioners and Certified Psychologists with Autonomous Functioning.
- All add-on codes are now marked as such.

### **REFERENCES**

[American Psychological Association, Crosswalk for 2019 Psychological Testing and Evaluation CPT Codes](#)

[American Psychological Association, Crosswalk for 2019 Neuropsychological Testing and Evaluation CPT Codes](#)

[American Psychological Association, Crosswalk for 2019 Computerized Test CPT Codes](#)

Should you have any questions regarding this information or require further clarification, please contact Ann Hollen at 502-564-6890 or email DMS at [DMS.Issues@ky.gov](mailto:DMS.Issues@ky.gov).

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