TRICARE ACD: Provider Information Meeting
2019 Category I Current Procedural Terminology Codes

December 2018
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### TRICARE ACD: Adaptive Behavior Service Category III to I CPT Crosswalk

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<td>039T</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>client, QHP</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant</td>
<td>un timed</td>
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<td>0360T/0361T</td>
<td>Observational behavioral follow-up assessment/Supervised fieldwork</td>
<td>client, technician QHP</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant</td>
<td>per 30 min (3 hr/day)</td>
<td>6 units/day</td>
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<td>T1023</td>
<td>PDDBI Assessment</td>
<td>BCBA only</td>
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<td>Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol administered by technician, face-to-face with one patient; first 30 minutes of technician time.</td>
<td>client, technician (QHP may substitute for the technician)</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant BT</td>
<td>per 30 min (8 hrs/day)</td>
<td>16 units/day</td>
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<td>0368T/0369T</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>client, QHP; may include technician and/or caregiver</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant</td>
<td>per 30 min (2 hrs/day)</td>
<td>4 units/day</td>
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<td>0370T</td>
<td>Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional (without the patient present).</td>
<td>caregiver and QHP</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant</td>
<td>un timed</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>client, QHP</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant</td>
<td>per 15 min</td>
<td>16 units/6 months *All 16 units must be billed within a 2-week period</td>
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<td>BCB A-D/BCBA</td>
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<td>97153</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>client, technician (QHP may substitute for the technician)</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant BT</td>
<td>per 15 min (8 hrs/day)</td>
<td>32 units/day</td>
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<td>97155</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>client, QHP; may include technician and/or caregiver</td>
<td>BCB A-D/BCBA Assistant</td>
<td>per 15 min (2 hrs/day)</td>
<td>8 units/day</td>
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### No longer covered CPT code

- T1023
New Category I CPT Codes

- New Category I CPT codes will replace Category III CPT codes January 1, 2019.
- Autism Care Demonstration (ACD) will have a direct crosswalk between covered Category III to Category I CPT codes.
- Future manual changes may include additional codes.
- Concurrent billing continues to be excluded for all ACD Category I CPT codes except when the family and the beneficiary are receiving separate services and the beneficiary is not present in the family session.
Behavior identification assessment
0359T to 97151

- Category III CPT code 0359T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97151

- Description:
  - Administered by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional (QHP), each 15 minutes of the physician's or other QHP'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.
Behavior identification assessment
Category I CPT Code 97151

- Required Session Participants:
  - Client, QHP

- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
  - BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant

- Timing:
  - Per 15 minutes

- MUEs:
  - 16 units/6 months
  - All 16 units must be billed within a two week (14-day) period
Supervised Fieldwork
0360T/0361T

- No corresponding Category I CPT code.
- TRICARE no longer specifies supervision requirements under the ACD and subsequently will not be reimbursed.
- DHA is responding to the ABA provider feedback that supervision under the ACD was overly restrictive.
- DHA will defer the supervision requirements to the certification bodies.
Outcome Measures Code
T1023

- No changes
- Required Session Participants:
  - BCBA
- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
  - BCBA-D, BCBA
- Timing:
  - Untimed
- MUEs:
  - 1 unit/6 months (2 additional units may be authorized to complete the Vineland-3 and SRS-2)
Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol 0364T/0365T to 97153

- Category III CPT code 0364T/0365T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97153

- Description:
  - Administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other QHP, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.
Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol 97153

- Required Session Participants:
  - Client, technician (QHP may substitute for the technician)

- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
  - BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant, BT

- Timing:
  - Per 15 minutes

- MUEs:
  - 32 units/day (8hrs/day)
Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification
0368T/0369T to 97155

- Category III CPT code 0368T/0369T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97155

- Description:
  - Administered by physician or other QHP, which may include simultaneous direction of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.
Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification

97155

- Required Session Participants:
  - Client, QHP; may include technician and/or caregiver

- Approved Rendering Provider Type:
  - BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant

- Timing:
  - Per 15 minutes

- MUEs:
  - 8 units/day (2hrs/day)
Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance
0370T to 97156

- Category III CPT code 0370T crosswalks to Category I CPT code 97156

- Description:
  - Administered by physician or other QHP (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.
Required Session Participants:
- Caregiver, QHP, client may or may not be present

Approved Rendering Provider Type:
- BCBA-D, BCBA, Assistant

Timing:
- Per 15 minutes

MUEs:
- 8 units/day (2hrs/day)
Authorizations

∎ Initial authorizations issued on or after January 1, 2019 shall be submitted using the new Category I codes for ABA services.

∎ For services rendered through December 31, 2018, Category III CPT codes will still be submitted.

∎ New authorizations will not be required as a result of the transition from Category III to Category I CPT codes, meaning that the current authorization will run its full period and when the next 6th month authorization arrives, a new authorization with the Category I CPT codes will be issued.

∎ For additional questions regarding an authorization, please contact your regional contractor.
All claims submitted for services performed on or after January 1, 2019 shall be cross-walked automatically to the new Category I CPT codes for ABA services under the existing authorization.

Do not submit claims for services rendered before January 1, 2019 using the new Category I CPT codes.

Do not submit claims for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019 using the old Category III CPT codes.
Reimbursement Rates

- Hourly rates retained
  - Changes include:
    - from a 30 minute to a 15 minute rate
    - Untimed codes are now timed (except for T1023)
- Floor maintained - no negotiations for rates
Copays

- For CPT code 97151, all assessment services rendered within a two week period using this CPT code shall be subject to one cost-share/copayment.

- For all other CPT codes rendered on or after January 1, 2019, all ABA services rendered on the same day shall be subject to only one cost-share/copayment per day.

- Other (non-ABA) services rendered on the same day as ABA services shall follow normal TRICARE cost-share/copayment rules.
Other

- Indirect services not reimbursed
- Aligning closer to the medical benefit
- Improving access
- No change in the direct service to the beneficiary
- Modernizing the benefit

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QUESTIONS