

# CPT Codes for ABA Therapy Billing



Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) is the medical code set developed and maintained by AMA. These five-digit codes describe every healthcare procedure, from radiology to surgery to psychotherapy. Knowing the correct CPT codes will aid in avoiding insurance audits and getting paid faster.

The reimbursement amount of the providers depends on numerous factors. Using appropriate codes and modifiers is a crucial step in medical billing, and it ultimately decides the amount you will receive from the payers. Even a slight error in the coding can result in denials or delays.

Below is the ABA Therapy CPT codes list if you are searching for one.

# **CODES USED IN ABA THERAPY BILLING**

#### **Adaptive Behavior Assessment**

A clean claim contains all the essential information requested by payers sent on or before the due date. Rejections and denials are often considered the same. These terms are used interchangeably, but there is a difference in both these terms. Considering both denials and rejections the same and not understanding each concept minutely will cause a significant impact on the net collection rate.

# Category I

**97151.** Behavior identification assessment, done by a physician, provider, or other qualified healthcare professional.

**97152.** Behavior identification supporting assessment, done by a technician under the supervision of a qualified health care professional or a physician.

# Category III

**0362T.** Behavior identification supporting assessment, done by one or more technicians under the supervision of a qualified healthcare professional or an on-site physician for each face-to-face patient visit of 15 minutes.

#### **Adaptive Behavior Treatment**

### Category I

**97153.** Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, done by a technician under the supervision of a qualified health care professional or a physician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes

**97154.** Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by a technician under the supervision of a qualified health care professional or a physician, face-to-face with two or more patients, each 15 minutes

**97155.** Adaptive behavior treatment administered by a provider, qualified health care professional, or a physician, which may be used to teach a technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes

**97156.** Family adaptive behavior treatment discussion, administered by a qualified health care professional or a physician (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes

**97157.** Multiple-family group, sets of guidance or caregivers adaptive behavior discussion about the patient, administered by a qualified healthcare professional or a physician (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians/ caregivers, every 15 minutes

**97158.** Adaptive behavior treatment to multiple patients with protocol modification, administered by a qualified health care professional or a physician face-to-face with multiple patients, each 15 minutes

#### Category III

**0373T.** Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with a patient, with two or more technicians under the direction of a qualified healthcare professional or an on-site physician for destructive behavior like self-injury.

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