

Adaptive Behavior Assessment and Treatment Code Conversion Table

Essential Elements of Applied Behavior Analysis Services ¹	General Description	HCPCS Code(s) ²	2014 Category III CPT® Codes for Adaptive Behavior Services			2019 Category I / III CPT® Codes for Adaptive Behavior Services				
			Descriptor	Code	Time/ Units	Attended By	Descriptor	Code	Time/ Units	Attended By
Assessment Codes Development of individualized treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP. ³ Assessment may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review of file information about client’s medical status, prior assessments, prior treatments; stakeholder interviews and rating scales; review of assessments by other professionals; direct observation and measurement of client behavior in structured and unstructured situations; determination of baseline levels of adaptive and maladaptive behaviors; functional behavior analysis. 	Assessment for treatment plan development	H0031, H0032, 96150, 96151, G8539	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.	0359T	untimed	client, QHP ³	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.	97151	per 15 min	client, QHP ³
			Observational behavioral follow-up assessment. Includes physician or other qualified healthcare professional direction with interpretation and report, administered by one technician; first 30 minutes of technician time, face-to-face with the patient.	0360T	first 30 min	client, technician (QHP ³ may substitute for the technician)	Behavior identification supporting assessment , administered by one technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minute.	97152	per 15 min	client, technician (QHP ³ may substitute for the technician)
			Observational behavioral follow-up assessment , each additional 30 minutes of technician time, face-to-face with the patient (<i>list separately in addition to code for primary procedure</i>).	0361T	each add'l 30 min	client, technician (QHP ³ may substitute for the technician)				
	Functional analysis of severe maladaptive behaviors in specialized settings	Some payers accept H2019, H2020, 90899, S9480, 99499	Exposure behavioral follow-up assessment. Includes physician or other qualified healthcare professional direction with interpretation and report, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional with the assistance of one or more technicians; first 30 minutes of technician(s) time, face-to-face with the patient.	0362T	first 30 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³	Behavior identification supporting assessment , each 15 minutes of technicians’ time face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> administered by the physician or other qualified healthcare professional who is on site⁴; with the assistance of two or more technicians; for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; completed in an environment that is customized to the patient’s behavior. 	0362T	per 15 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³
			Exposure behavioral follow-up assessment , each additional 30 minutes of technician(s) time, face-to-face with the patient (<i>list separately in addition to code for primary procedure</i>).	0363T	each add'l 30 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³				
	Indirect Services by QHP³ Treatment plan development. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> selection of treatment targets in collaboration with family members and other stakeholders development of written protocols for treating and measuring all treatment targets 	Treatment planning by QHP³	H0032	Bundled with services above and below.			Bundled with services above and below.			
Direction of technicians by QHP³		H0032, S5108, G9012, 96152	Direction of technician by QHP³			If QHP³ is directing the technician without the client present this is a bundled service and is captured by the codes above and below. If the QHP³ is directing a technician or caregiver with the client present, report using the 97155 code below.				

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Treatment Codes	<p>Implementation and management of treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP³.</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training technicians to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> carry out treatment protocols accurately, frequently, and consistently; record data on treatment targets; record notes; summarize and graph data. • Training family members and other caregivers to implement selected aspects of treatment plan. • Ongoing supervision of technician and caregiver implementation. • Ongoing, frequent review and analysis of direct observational data on treatment targets. • Modification of treatment targets and protocols based on data. • Training technicians, family members, and other caregivers to implement revised protocols. 	Direct treatment	H2019	Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol administered by technician, face-to-face with one patient; first 30 minutes of technician time.	0364T	first 30 min	client, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i>	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.	97153	per 15 min	client, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i>
				Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, each additional 30 minutes of technician time <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i>	0365T	each add'l 30 min	client, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i>				
		Direct treatment of severe maladaptive behavior in specialized settings	H2019, H2020, 90899, 9480, 99499	Exposure adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification requiring two or more technicians for severe maladaptive behavior(s); first 60 minutes of technicians' time, face-to-face with patient.	0373T	first 60 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ on site	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • administered by the physician or other qualified healthcare professional who is on site⁴; • with the assistance of two or more technicians; • for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; • completed in an environment that is customized, to the patient's behavior. 	0373T	per 15 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ on site
				Exposure adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification requiring two or more technicians for severe maladaptive behavior(s); each additional 30 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with patient <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i>	0374T	each add'l 30 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP ³ on site				
		Direct treatment by QHP ³	H2012, H2019, 96152-96155	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.	0368T	first 30 min	client, QHP ³ ; may include technician and/or caregiver	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.	97155	per 15 min	client, QHP ³ ; may include technician and/or caregiver
				Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional with one patient; each additional 30 minutes of patient face-to-face time <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i>	0369T	each add'l 30 min	client, QHP ³ ; may include technician and/or caregiver				
		Group treatment	H2014, H2020	Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol administered by technician, face-to-face with two or more patients; first 30 minutes of technician time.	0366T	first 30 min	2 or more clients, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i>	Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, face-to-face with two or more patients, each 15 minutes.	97154	per 15 min	2 or more clients, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i>
				Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, each additional 30 minutes of technician time <i>(list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).</i>	0367T	each add'l 30 min	2 or more clients, technician <i>(QHP³ may substitute for the technician)</i>				
				Adaptive behavior treatment social skills group administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional face-to-face with multiple patients.	0372T	untimed	2 or more clients and QHP ³				
		Family training	S5110	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional <i>(without the patient present).</i>	0370T	untimed	caregiver and QHP ³	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes.	97156	per 15 min	caregiver and QHP ³
Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional <i>(without the patient present).</i>	0371T			untimed	caregivers of 2 or more clients and QHP ³	Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified healthcare professional (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians/caregivers, each 15 minutes.	97157	per 15 min	caregivers of 2 or more clients and QHP ³		

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