

# Adaptive Behavior Assessment and Treatment Code Conversion Table

	Essential Elements of Applied Behavior Analysis Services <sup>1</sup>	General Description	HCPCS Code(s) <sup>2</sup>	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	<p>Development of individualized treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP.<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Assessment may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>review of file information about client's medical status, prior assessments, prior treatments;</li> <li>stakeholder interviews and rating scales;</li> <li>review of assessments by other professionals;</li> <li>direct observation and measurement of client behavior in structured and unstructured situations;</li> <li>determination of baseline levels of adaptive and maladaptive behaviors;</li> <li>functional behavior analysis.</li> </ul>	Assessment for treatment plan development	H0031, H0032, 96150, 96151, 68539	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 <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>
				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 <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> may substitute for the technician)
				Observational behavioral follow-up assessment, each additional 30 minutes of technician time, face-to-face with the patient (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).	0361T	each add'l 30 min	client, technician (QHP <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>	Behavior identification supporting assessment, each 15 minutes of technicians' time face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components:	0362T	per 15 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP <sup>3</sup>
Exposure behavioral follow-up assessment, each additional 30 minutes of technician(s) time, face-to-face with the patient (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).	0363T			each add'l 30 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP <sup>3</sup>						
Indirect Services by QHP <sup>3</sup>	Treatment plan development. Includes:	Treatment planning by QHP <sup>3</sup>	H0032	Bundled with services above and below.			Bundled with services above and below.				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>selection of treatment targets in collaboration with family members and other stakeholders</li> <li>development of written protocols for treating and measuring all treatment targets</li> </ul>	Direction of technicians by QHP <sup>3</sup>	H0032, S5108, 69012, 96152	Direction of technician by QHP <sup>3</sup>			<p>If QHP<sup>3</sup> is directing the technician without the client present this is a bundled service and is captured by the codes above and below.</p> <p>If the QHP<sup>3</sup> is directing a technician or caregiver with the client present, report using the 97155 code below.</p> <p>97155 may be reported concurrently with technician delivered services 97153 when the patient is present, one or more protocols have been modified, and the QHP is directing the technician.</p>				

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				Descriptor	Code	Time/Units	Attended By	Descriptor	Code	Time/Units	Attended By
<b>Treatment Codes</b>	<p>Implementation and management of treatment plan by supervising behavior analyst/QHP<sup>3</sup>.</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training technicians to               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carry out treatment protocols accurately, frequently, and consistently;</li> <li>record data on treatment targets;</li> <li>record notes;</li> <li>summarize and graph data.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Training family members and other caregivers to implement selected aspects of treatment plan.</li> <li>• Ongoing supervision of technician and caregiver implementation.</li> <li>• Ongoing, frequent review and analysis of direct observational data on treatment targets.</li> <li>• Modification of treatment targets and protocols based on data.</li> <li>• Training technicians, family members, and other caregivers to implement revised protocols.</li> </ul>	<b>Direct treatment</b>	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>(QHP<sup>3</sup> 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>(QHP<sup>3</sup> 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>(QHP<sup>3</sup> may substitute for the technician)</i>				
		<b>Direct treatment of severe maladaptive behavior in specialized settings</b>	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 <sup>3</sup> 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"> <li>• administered by the <b>physician or other qualified healthcare professional who is on site</b><sup>4</sup>;</li> <li>• with the assistance of two or more technicians;</li> <li>• for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior;</li> <li>• completed in an environment that is customized, to the patient's behavior.</li> </ul>	0373T	per 15 min	client and 2 or more technicians; QHP <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> on site				
		<b>Direct treatment by QHP<sup>3</sup></b>	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 <sup>3</sup> ; 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 <sup>3</sup> ; 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 <sup>3</sup> ; may include technician and/or caregiver				
		<b>Group treatment</b>	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>(QHP<sup>3</sup> 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>(QHP<sup>3</sup> 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>(QHP<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>				
		<b>Family training</b>	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 <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>
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 <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>		

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