

ABA Medical Documentation Requirements

Providers are required to document the session time and presence or absence of the beneficiary and keep on file for 7 years.

As per the Louisiana Applied Behavior Analysis Medicaid Manual (Chapter 4, Section 4.4) rendering clinicians must maintain documentation in daily documentation/logs. The chart below is a tool to assist providers in understanding the documentation requirements for each billable code. The services performed in relation to the codes should relate back to goals on the approved Behavior Treatment Plan. It is not required that a separate session note be created for every 15 minute unit; just ensure that all units billed are accounted for.

ABA CPT® Codes				
(Dates of Service On or After Jan. 1, 2019)				
Service (Conditions for Use)	CPT® Code	Required Documentation	How Often Required	Services to be Performed By
Behavior Identification Assessment Initial assessment (development of initial treatment plan) and six-month treatment plan updates. 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	A session note that covers each encounter billed for the initial assessment to include: Session Notes, primary target, treatment plan matches the notes, list of objectives describe barriers and/or what tools will be used to meet barriers The session notes with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.) <i>Summary should also include:</i> Content of the session to include what activity and measures were administered during the assessment.	Every six months	LBA/SCABA
Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by one technician under direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with the patient, 15 minutes.	97152	A session note that covers each encounter billed for the initial assessment to include Progress, primary target, treatment plan matches the notes, list of objectives describe barriers and/or what tools will be used to meet barriers. Can be billed concurrently with 97151.	Every six months	TECH
Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by the physician or other qualified health care provider who is on-site but no necessarily face-to-face; 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. Each 15 minutes.	0362T	A session note that covers each encounter billed for the initial assessment to include: Progress Notes, primary target, treatment plan matches the notes, list of objectives describe barriers and/or what tools will be used to meet barriers The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.) Summary should also include:	Every six months	Two or more technicians with LBA on site.

		Content of the session to include what activity and measures were administered during the assessment.		
<p>Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol 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.</p>	97153	<p>The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.)</p> <p>Include: what specific ABA intervention used, what was the response to the intervention, any notes risks/problem areas, significant problem not associated with objective, progress made/not made, future plans, and documentation of parent involvement.</p> <p><i>Session notes should also include:</i></p> <p>Child's compliance with the targets; difficulties or issues with a specified target or goal; a description of what took place and the response; and anything notable about the child's behavior, family changes, etc.</p>	As often as indicated in Behavior Treatment Plan	LBA, SCABA, or TECH
<p>Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by the physician or other qualified health care provider who is on-site but no necessarily face-to-face; with the assistance of two or more technicians; 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. Each 15 minutes.</p>	0373T	<p>The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.)</p> <p>Include: what specific ABA intervention used, what was the response to the intervention, any notes risks/problem areas, significant problem not associated with objective, progress made/not made, future plans, and documentation of parent involvement.</p> <p>Summary Session notes should also include:</p> <p>Child's compliance with the targets; difficulties or issues with a specified target or goal; a description of what took place and the response; and anything notable about the child's behavior, family changes, etc.</p>	As often as indicated in Behavior Treatment Plan	Two or more technicians with LBA on site.
<p>Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, utilizing a treatment protocol designed in advance by the physician or other qualified health care professional, who may or may not providedirection during the treatment. Face-to face with two or more patients. Do not report if group is larger than eight patients are. Each 15 minutes.</p>	97154	<p>The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.)</p> <p>Include: what specific ABA intervention used, what was the response to the intervention, any notes risks/problem areas, significant problem not associated with objective, progress made/not made, plans, and documentation of parent involvement.</p> <p><i>Summary should also include:</i></p> <p>Child's compliance with the targets; difficulties or issues with a specified</p>	As often as indicated in Behavior Treatment Plan.	TECH

		target or goal; a description of what took place and the response; and anything notable about the child's behavior, family changes, etc.		
Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification 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	The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.) <i>Summary should also include:</i> Who was present; what was assessed, revised or observed during that session; and what was demonstrated to whom.	Two hours of supervision for every ten hours of therapy or one hour for every five hours of therapy.	LBA , SCABA .
Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by a physician or other qualified health care professional (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s) /caregiver(s), each 15 minutes	97156	The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.) <i>Session note should also include:</i> Parent's participation and understanding of the targets and interventions; any difficulties or issues with a specified target or goal; description of what took place and the response; and anything notable about behavior, family changes, etc.	As often as indicated in Behavior Treatment Plan	LBA, SCABA

<p>Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional (without the patient present) and involve identifying potential treatment target and training guardian(s)/caregiver(s) of multiple patients to implement treatment protocols designed to address deficient adaptive or maladaptive behaviors. Do not report if the group has more than eight patients' guardian(s)/caretaker(s). Each 15 minutes.</p>	97157	<p>The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.)</p> <p><i>Summary should also include:</i></p> <p>Two or more families/caregivers are present and have two or more similar diagnosis, behaviors, and treatment needs.</p> <p>Parent's participation and understanding of the targets and interventions; any difficulties or issues with a specified target or goal; description of what took place and the response; and anything notable about behavior, family changes, etc.</p>	As often as indicated in Behavior Treatment Plan	LBA/ SCABA
<p>Group adaptive treatment with protocol modification, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional with multiple patients/ The physician or health care professionals monitors the needs of individual patients and adjust the treatment techniques during the group sessions, as needed, protocol adjustments are made in real time. Do not report if the group has more than eight patients. Each 15 minutes.</p>	97158	<p>The session note with all documented requirements in the ABA Medicaid Manual (Data collection is insufficient for a medical record.)</p> <p><i>Summary should also include:</i></p> <p>Two or more families/caregivers are present and have two or more similar diagnosis, behaviors, and treatment needs.</p> <p>Who was present; what was assessed, revised or observed during that session; and what was demonstrated to whom.</p>	Two hours of supervision for every ten hours of therapy or one hour for every five hours of therapy.	LBA/SCABA