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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*
Date: July 1, 2025
Re: Applied Behavior Analysis Rates

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health Plans of upcoming changes to Medicaid reimbursement rates for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) rates effective **August 1, 2025**.

Medicaid rates are periodically reviewed for market comparison with respect to other relative payer sources, such as Medicare and other State Medicaid Agencies. Per Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.200, payments for services are expected to be consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care.

Nebraska Medicaid completed a rate analysis of ABA rates in regional Medicaid markets surrounding Nebraska. The rate analysis determined that Nebraska ABA rates are not aligned with CFR expectations regarding rate efficiency and economy standards.

As a result of the market study, Nebraska Medicaid rates for ABA services will be adjusted as follows effective August 1, 2025:

Service	Service Description	Revised Rate Effective 8/1/25
97151	Applied Behavior Analysis Behavior Identification Assessment (ABA Assessment)	\$38.16
97152	Supporting Assessments for Applied Behavior Analysis Behavior Identification Assessment (ABA Assessment), Administered by Technician, Under Supervision by a Physician or Other Healthcare Professional (per 15 minutes)	\$25.88
97153	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol Administered by Technician (per 15 minutes)	\$18.70

97154	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol Administered by Technician (per 15 minutes)	\$7.49
97155	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol Administered by Physician or Other Healthcare Professional (per 15 minutes)	\$22.72
97156	Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol Administered by Physician or Other Healthcare Professional, With or Without Patient Present, With Guardian or Caregiver (per 15 minutes)	\$26.06
97158	Adaptive Behavior Treatment Social Skills Group, Administered by Physician or Other Qualified Healthcare Professional With Multiple Patients (per 15 minutes)	\$12.05

Medicaid managed care rates will also be adjusted to reflect the revised Medicaid ABA rates effective August 1, 2025.

Resources

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