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# Global Commitment Register

May 1, 2019

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GCR 19-005  
PROPOSED

## **Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) - Adaptive Behavior Group Codes Changes**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is proposing to add group adaptive behavior treatment, CPT® code 97158, to the ABA allowable services. This allows Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Board-Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) to administer adaptive behavior treatment for groups of two or more members. The reimbursement rate for group adaptive behavior treatment led by a Behavior Technician (BT), CPT® code 97154, will decrease to \$7.50/15 minute unit. Please see the updated fee schedule available below.

### **Effective Date:**

June 1, 2019

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved State Plan.

### **[Medicaid State Plan](#)**

**[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)**: Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #29.

### **Population Affected:**

Members under age 21 receiving ABA services.

**Fiscal Impact:** Budget Neutral

### **Public Comment Period:**

5/1/2019 – 5/31/2019

Send comments to:

Medicaid Policy Unit

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Or submit via e-mail to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/> either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events.

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft page can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.