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To: All Aetna Better Health of Louisiana Providers  
Date: January 17, 2019

# **Attention: Update and Clarification - 2019 ABA CPT Codes**

The ABA Medicaid Fee Schedule for 2019 have been posted and is located at [https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee\\_schedules/ABA\\_FS\\_Current.pdf](https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/ABA_FS_Current.pdf). The guidance or interpretation used in implementing these codes comes from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Any new codes were implemented based on CPT code definitions.

LDH wants to ensure that the new assessment codes, 97151 and 97152, are being properly treated as they differ from previous assessment codes.

With the new codes there is only one (1) assessment code, 97151. This code should be used for initial and follow up assessments.

Reminder, Behavior Identification Assessment 0359T, was listed in the past fee schedule as one (1) untimed unit at \$400. Meaning, when the units are converted it should equal 16, 15 minute units for 4 hours of assessment time. When implemented in 2017 the code was originally set at 1 hour units payable \$100 an hour with a soft cap of 4 units or more if medically necessary.

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**Therefore, as of January 1, 2019, 97151 will have soft cap of 16 units with more units approved, if medically necessary.** All authorizations have been corrected to reflect all clarification included in this document.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Aetna Better Health of Louisiana Provider Relations by calling **1-855-242-0802** and following the prompts.

Thank you,

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana