



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Medicaid ABA Providers

FROM: Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Services

DATE: November 28, 2016

The Louisiana Department of Health is adopting the new temporary ABA CPT codes and the corresponding rates for these codes as of January 1, 2017. These rates are based on the average commercial rate for these services across the state. In addition to adopting the new codes the state is also adopting coverage for group therapy as part of the ABA program.

The Louisiana Department of Health will honor all Prior Authorizations already in effect and pay those services at the rate in effect on December 31, 2016.

All new prior authorizations requested on or after January 1, 2017 must be submitted using the new codes and will be paid using the new rates.

For prior authorization requests submitted after December 20, 2016, if the dates of services are before January 1, 2017 submit one prior authorization with the current codes to cover services through the end of 2016. Submit a separate prior authorization request using the new codes for dates of services after December 31, 2016.

A fee schedule with new codes and rates can be found at lamedicaid.com

Webinars will be scheduled to prior authorization and coding changes.

For questions about the codes and rates please contact Rene Huff @ 225-342-3935 or via email @ rene.huff@la.gov.

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