



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: January 5, 2026
To: Indiana Medicaid and Marketplace Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Concurrent Billing of 97153

Summary

CareSource wants to remind our Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) providers that concurrent billing of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 97153 (adaptive behavior treatment) is not allowed with other direct services like occupational therapy or speech therapy performed during the same time block. Procedure code 97155 may be billed concurrently with technician-delivered services for code 97153 when the patient is present, one or more protocols have been modified, and the Qualified Health Provider (QHP) is directing the technician. A single QHP cannot bill both services at the same time.

Example: If a member receives ABA therapy with a registered behavioral health technician (RBT) and speech therapy with a speech therapist from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., this is considered overlapping time and is not allowed. If the services are delivered in separate, sequential time blocks on the same day, they may be billable.

Impact

In the event that CareSource receives a prior authorization for services with clinical documentation indicating that a member is receiving both 97153 and other direct services such as speech or occupational therapy during the same time blocks, further clinical documentation with start and stop times may be requested and/or a referral to our Program Integrity team for further investigation may be warranted when fraud, waste, or abuse (FWA) is suspected.

Questions?

For any questions, please contact a member of the Behavioral Health Clinical Team at Indiana_BH@CareSource.com.

References

[Optum Encoder Pro](#)
[CMS Coding and Policy Manual](#)