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TO: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services Providers

SUBJECT: ASD Addition of New Covered Codes, Rate and Service Limit Increases

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2023, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will add coverage of the ASD group treatment services described below. Additionally, the agency will increase the reimbursement rate and service limit for the ASD services listed below. The changes announced in this bulletin will be added to the [ASD Services provider manual](#) and ASD [fee schedule available on SCDHHS' website](#). SCDHHS is making these changes, which are in alignment with the work and recommendations of the Palmetto Autism Study Committee, to support access to ASD services, enhance the state's provider network and ensure services are delivered effectively and are in alignment with the work and recommendations of the Palmetto Autism Study Committee.

Addition of Group Treatment Services

Code	Description	Rate	Service Limit
97154	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol, multiple patients, performed by a Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT)	\$9.10/15-minute unit (\$36.40/hour)	6 hours per day
97158	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol, multiple patients, performed by a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)	\$13/15-minute unit (\$52/hour)	6 hours per day

Rate and Service Limit Increases

Code	Description	Current Rate per Unit	Rate per Unit Beginning July 1, 2023
97153	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol, performed by a Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT)	\$11.25/15-minute unit (\$45/hour)	\$14.88/15-minute unit (\$59.52/hour)

Code	Description	Current Rate per Unit	Rate per Unit Beginning July 1, 2023
97156	Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance	48 units per year (15-minute units)	96 units per year (15-minute units)

Providers should direct any questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center (PSC) at (888) 289-0709 or to behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov. The PSC's hours of operations are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

South Carolina's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO) are responsible for the coverage and reimbursement related to the services described in this bulletin for Healthy Connections Medicaid members who are enrolled in an MCO.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

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