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# MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Autism Spectrum Disorder Services Providers**

**SUBJECT: Addition of New Covered Autism Spectrum Disorder Services**

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will add coverage of additional autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services. This coverage expansion applies to full-benefit South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid members. The new covered services announced in this bulletin will be added to the [ASD Services provider manual](#) and [ASD fee schedule](#) available on SCDHHS’ website by July 1, 2024. SCDHHS is making these changes to support greater access to ASD services, enhance the state’s provider network and ensure services are delivered effectively. The addition of these services will complete the available service array for Healthy Connections Medicaid members for ASD services.

### Reimbursement Rates for New ASD Services

Reimbursement rates for the additional ASD services described in this bulletin are included in the table below.

Code	Description	Provider Type	Rate per Unit
97152	Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by one technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with the patient.	Registered Behavior Therapist (RBT)	\$20.50 per 15 min. unit <i>Service limit: 32 units/day</i>

97157	Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of guardians/caregivers.	Board-certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)	\$13.31 per 15 min. unit <i>Service limit: 16 units/day</i>
0362T	Behavior identification supporting assessment, administered by two or more technicians, face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• administered by the physician or other qualified health care professional who is on-site;</li> <li>• with the assistance of two or more technicians;</li> <li>• for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; and,</li> <li>• completed in an environment that is customized to the patient's behavior.</li> </ul>	BCBA, Board-certified Associate Behavior Analyst (BCaBA), RBT	\$27.95 per 15 min. unit <i>Service limit: 16 units/day</i> <i>Based on total time elapsed, not total time per each technician; service is billed by the physician or other qualified health care professional directing the session.</i>
0373T	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by two or more technicians, face-to-face with a patient, requiring the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• administered by the physician or other qualified health care professional who is on-site;</li> <li>• with the assistance of two or more technicians;</li> <li>• for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; and,</li> <li>• completed in an environment that is customized to the patient's behavior.</li> </ul>	BCBA, BCaBA, RBT	\$30 per 15 min. unit <i>Service limit: 32 units/day</i> <i>Based on total time elapsed, not total time per each technician; service is billed by the physician or other qualified health care professional directing the session.</i>

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

Providers should direct any questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center (PSC) at (888) 289-0709 or to [behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov](mailto: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.

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

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