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Applied Behavior Analysis Providers

Applied Behavior Analysis Services Updates

MVP Health Care® (MVP) appreciates the work that you do to support our Members. We want to make you aware of changes made by New York State for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services provided to Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Members.

Changes to Supervision of Unlicensed Individuals/Technicians

Effective October 1, 2025, Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBAs) are required to supervise unlicensed individuals/technicians who are providing services as part of the LBA's delivery model for at least 5% of their hours each calendar month. New York State made this change to align Medicaid fee-for-service and MMC ABA Providers with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) guidance.

Supervision must:

1. Include at least two face-to-face, real-time contacts per month (i.e. may not supervise telephonically, via email or text messaging);
2. Observe the unlicensed individual/technician providing ABA services in at least one of the monthly meetings, which may occur in a small-group meeting; and
3. Must be documented in the patient file and records retained for a minimum of 10 years.

The 5% minimum supervision requirement may include CPT code 97155 only when the LBA joins the patient and the unlicensed individual/technician during a treatment session to direct the unlicensed individual/technician in implementing a *new or modified treatment protocol*.

For more information, visit health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2025, select the *August 2025 DOH Medicaid Update*.

MVP Participating Providers are expected to comply with these regulations and BACB guidelines for best practices for MVP's Government Program (MMC, CHP, HARP) Members.

Changes to Reimbursement for Services provided by Unlicensed Individuals/Technicians

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) also announced reductions in reimbursement for services provided by unlicensed individuals/technicians to ensure compensation is commensurate with training and experience. MVP will update applicable reimbursement changes for Government Program Products (MMC, CHP and HARP) in accordance with provider contracts, as applicable.