

Provider Notice

To: Capital Area BHRS Providers and non-licensed entities providing BSC-ASD and TSS services
From: Scott Daubert, PhD, VP Operations
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Subject: BHRS 18 100 Differential Reimbursement of TSS with the RBT Credential

The following information is currently limited to Members who are served under the Capital Area contract (Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry counties).

For applied behavior analysis (ABA) service delivery for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnoses, the Registered Behavior Technician™ (RBT) is an additional credential that can be obtained by individuals working as Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS). The RBT is a paraprofessional who practices under the close, ongoing supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Both the BCBA and RBT credentials are administered by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. In recognition of the additional training and BCBA supervision associated with the RBT credential, PerformCare is establishing a distinct CPT Code / Modifier combination and enhanced rates for TSS/RBT that can be billed to PerformCare under the following conditions:

- The primary diagnosis meets the definition of accepted HealthChoices encounters for Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - F84.0 Autistic disorder
 - F84.5 Asperger's syndrome
 - F84.9 Pervasive developmental disorder, unspecified
- The BSC-ASD services for the Member's case are directly provided by a BCBA, who also provides the case supervision to the TSS/RBT.
- The TSS/RBT is implementing a treatment plan that is focused on Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).
- Minimum staff qualifications continue to be met for TSS.*

*If BHRS or non-licensed entities would like to seek approval for use of RBT staff who hold the credential, but do not meet the educational or experience requirements for TSS, this would be supported by PerformCare, but it would require a specific Service Description revision that would then be submitted for approval to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).

Minimum TSS qualifications and other associated requirements for TSS and ABA delivery are outlined in the following state documents:

- MAB 01-94-01, "Outpatient Psychiatric Services for Children Under 21 Years of Age," issued January 11, 1994.

- MAB 01-01-05, “Revisions to Policies and Procedures Relating to Mobile Therapy, Behavioral Specialist Consultant and Therapeutic Staff Support Services,” issued June 1, 2001.
- OMHSAS-09-01, “Guidance for Conducting Functional Behavioral Assessments in the Development of Treatment Plans for Services Delivered to Children with Behavioral Needs Compounded by Developmental Disorders,” issued January 1, 2009.
- OMHSAS-14-02, “Enrollment and Payment of Licensed Providers that Provide Behavior Specialist Consultant Services to Child with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” issued May 23, 2014.
- OMHSAS-16-02, “Training and Supervision Requirements for Therapeutic Staff Support Workers that Implement Treatment Plans that Include Applied Behavioral Analysis,” issued March 11, 2016.
- OMHSAS-16-04, “Training Requirements for Licensed Behavior Specialists Who Use Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder Services to Provide Applied Behavioral Analysis,” issued April 26, 2016.
- OMHSAS-16-07, “Enrollment and Payment of Provider Entities that Do Not Have a License to Provide Outpatient, Partial Hospitalization, or Family Based Mental Health Services to Use Behavioral Specialist Consultant Services and Therapeutic Staff Support Services to Provide Applied Behavioral Analysis to Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” issued June 6, 2016.
- OMHSAS-17-01, “Reissue of Medical Necessity Guidelines for Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Services,” issued January 13, 2017.
- OMHSAS-17-02, “Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Services,” issued January 13, 2017.

Billing for TSS-ABA when conducted by an RBT should use the CPT/Modifier combinations indicated on Table 1 on the following page. The base rate effective July 1, 2018 will be \$12.50 per 15 minute unit.

Table 1: TSS/RBT Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Pvr Type	Specialty	Proc. Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Modifier 4	Service Description	Units	Place of Service	Effective Date
Licensed Entities - RBT(TSS)-ASD-ABA										
08	800, 804, or 808	H2021	EP	HW	HA		Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA)	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
09	548	H2021	EP	HW	HA		Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA)	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
11	442, 446, 450, or 548	H2021	EP	HW	HA		Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA)	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
19	548	H2021	EP	HW	HA		Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA)	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
31	548	H2021	EP	HW	HA		Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA)	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
08	800, 804, or 808	H2021	EP	HW	HA	U4	Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA) with interpreter	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
09	548	H2021	EP	HW	HA	U4	Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA) with interpreter	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
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Non-Licensed Entities - RBT(TSS)-ASD-ABA										
11	562	H2021	EP	HW	HA		Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA)	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18
11	562	H2021	EP	HW	HA	U4	Registered Behavior Technician (RBT-ASD-ABA) with interpreter	15 min	03, 12, 23, 99	7/1/18

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