

PerformCARE [®]		Policy and Procedure
Name of Policy:	Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) and Behavioral Health Technician – ABA (BHT - ABA) Skills Training and Development Payment Process	
Policy Number:	CM-CAS-059	
Contracts:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All counties <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Area <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin / Fulton	
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Policy: Establishes protocols for payment of skills training and development for Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) specific to new Behavioral Health Technician (BHT).

Purpose: To assure that network providers have a process for payment for BHT/BHT-ABA skills training and development for new staff.

Definitions: **ABA:** Applied Behavior Analysis, which is the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior or to prevent loss of attained skill or function by including the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior.

IBHS: Intensive Behavioral Health Services, which is an array of therapeutic interventions and supports provided to a child, youth, or young adult in the home, school, or other community setting.

Acronyms: **BHT:** Behavioral Health Technician
BHT-ABA: Behavioral Health Technician-Applied Behavior Analysis

Procedure: 1. Skills training and development for newly hired BHT and BHT-ABA staff does not require prior authorization. Specifically, BHT should be billed separately as Procedure Code H2014UB, while BHT-ABA should be billed as Procedure Code 97153 (as part of the Member's approved BHT-ABA authorization). Services are billable for a

maximum of six (6) hours per staff following service provision.

2. Prior to a BHT/BHT- ABA staff working independently with a Member, skill development and training must be provided on-site while delivering authorized BHT/BHT-ABA services to an eligible Member under the supervision of a qualified supervisor, per IBHS regulations.

Related Policies: *CM-CAS-042 Initial and Re-auth IBHS (BC-MT-BHT ABA)*

Related Reports: None

Source Documents and References: *Chapter 1155 & 5240 Intensive Behavioral Health Services Regulations.*

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Superseded Policies and/or Procedures: None

Attachments: None

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Primary Stakeholder