



January 23, 2025

Re: Changes to Empower Healthcare's Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services

Providers,

Empower Healthcare Solutions will follow the new guidance from the provider manual released by the Department of Human Services (DHS) for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services. In line with that guidance, the following subset of codes will no longer be supported effective February 28, 2025:

97152
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Please note that Empower Healthcare Solutions will continue to support ABA for members with an established diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or Prater Willi Syndrome. Empower does not require the DMS-641 to be submitted with the initial request for an ABA assessment. For an initial ABA assessment to be considered, Empower requires evidence of the established diagnosis and current symptomology and behaviors causing distress.

Moving forward, the only codes that will be supported for ABA are as follows:

97151 – Behavior Identification Assessment
97153 – Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy Treatment
97155 – Applied Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification
97156 – Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment

For questions, please contact Empower Provider Relations
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Thank you,

Empower Healthcare Solutions