



Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program

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Overview

The table below outlines the behavioral health services that require prior authorization for the Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) contract.

Please check this list before you provide services to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members. Additional information about prior authorization for behavioral health services can be found in the Optum Behavioral Health [National Network Manual](#) (pages 38-43 and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Pennsylvania [Care Provider Manual](#) (Chapter 7). If you have additional questions, please call the Customer Service number on the back of the member's ID card.

Note: All out-of-network (non-participating) providers must obtain prior authorization approval before providing behavioral health services. Prior authorization **is not required** when rendering emergency services.

Prior authorization required for these codes

Service Description	Revenue Code	Additional Information
Inpatient mental health	114, 124, 134, 144, 154, 204	
Inpatient substance use disorder detoxification (non-hospital based)	116, 126, 136, 146, 156	
Substance use disorder - Residential treatment	128, 1001, 1002	
Mental health/substance use disorder - Intensive outpatient	0905, 0906	
Mental health/substance use disorder - Partial hospitalization	0912, 0913	

Service Description	Procedure Code	Additional Information
Psychological testing evaluation	96130, 96131	
Psychological and neuropsychological testing administration/scoring	96136, 96137, 96138, 96139	• Auth Required – Only if the Admin and Scoring codes are submitted with psychological testing eval codes 96130 and 96131 • No Auth Required - If the Admin and Scoring codes are not submitted with psychological testing eval codes 96130 and 96131
Behavior identification assessment, administered by a physician or other qualified health care professional, each 15 minutes of the physician's or other qualified health care professional's time face-to-face with patient and/or guardian(s)/caregiver(s) administering assessment and discussing findings and recommendations, and non-face-to-face analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan (Behavior Analytic/Behavior Consultation – Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)	97151	

Service Description	Procedure Code	Additional Information
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, each 15 minutes (Behavior Health Technician - ABA/Assistant Behavior Consultation - ABA)	97152	
Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes (Behavior Health Technician - ABA/Assistant Behavior Consultation - ABA)	97153	
Group adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with two or more patients, each 15 minutes (up to 12 group members)	97154	
Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional, which may include simultaneous directions of technician, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes (Behavior Consultation - ABA/Behavior Analytic)	97155	
Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional (with or without the patient present), face-to-face with guardian(s)/caregiver(s), each 15 minutes (Behavior Consultation - ABA/Behavior Analytic)	97156	
Group adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with multiple patients, each 15 minutes (up to 12 group members)	97158	
Mental health/substance use disorder - Intensive outpatient	H0015, S9480	Bill revenue codes 0905 and 0906
Mental health/substance use disorder - Partial hospitalization	H0035, S0201	Bill revenue codes 0912 and 0913