

PROVIDER ALERT

Use of Place of Service Codes on ABA Claims for the Same Rendering Provider on the Same Day

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Target Audience: ABA Providers

Providers billing for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services are advised of an update to the billing policy which will allow them to bill for multiple services by the same rendering provider, on the same day at different places of service (POS).

When services are provided in more than one location by the same rendering provider in a single day when the services are medically necessary, clinically appropriate, and clearly documented in the treatment plan, the provider should bill using the POS code **99 (“Other”)**.

- For documentation purposes, providers must create separate session notes for each place of service where the session was conducted, and each session note must indicate the actual place of service.

The POS code “99” can be used when any of the below services are rendered by the same provider on the same day in more than one location.

- **97151** - Behavior identification assessment provided by a Psychologist/ BCBA-D/BCBA.
- **97152** - Behavior identification supporting assessment provided by a BCaBA/RBT.
- **97153** - Direct ABA services provided by a . Psychologist/ BCBA-D/BCBA BCaBA/RBT
- **97155 / 97155 GT** - Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol modification/ Direction, provided by a Psychologist/ BCBA-D/BCBA.
- **97156 / 97156 GT** - Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance without the child present, provided by a Psychologist/ BCBA-D/BCBA/ BCaBA.
- **97156 / U2 / GT** - Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance with the child present, provided by a Psychologist/ BCBA-D/BCBA/ BCaBA.

Please note, all units of service provided on the same day by the same rendering provider must be billed on a single claim line.

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact Optum Maryland customer service at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

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