

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

This policy establishes a Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)-Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) service reimbursement rate for current procedure terminology (CPT) code 97153 to not less than \$16.50/unit or not less than \$66.00/hour. The increase is a Michigan State Legislative mandate. The rate increase is intended to maintain and potentially increase access to services.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

The BHT service rate increase was mandated by the Legislature.

Budget implication:

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$ 20.35 million, and is budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

No.

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes, Actuarial, Contracts Payment Unit, Legislative Affairs.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

Summary of input:

controversial (Explain)

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	If yes,
Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Date: <input type="checkbox"/>	Submission Date: <input type="checkbox"/>

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	Project Number: 2448-BH	Date: November 13, 2024

Comments Due: December 17, 2024

Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated

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Policy Subject: Implementation of the Legislatively Mandated Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)- Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Services Rate Increase

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

Distribution: Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs)

Summary: This policy establishes a Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)-Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) reimbursement rate for procedure code 97153 of not less than \$16.50 per unit or \$66.00 per hour. The increase is a Michigan State Legislative mandate. The rate increase is intended to increase access to services.

Purpose: To comply with the legislatively mandated rate and increase access to Autism services.

Cost Implications: \$20.35 million (\$17.3 million GF) (budgeted)

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:

State Plan Amendment Required: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Notice Required: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, date submitted:	Submitted date:

Tribal Notification: Yes No - **Date:**

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> No Comments
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This bulletin is in response to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget appropriations of public act 121 of 2024. From state appropriated funds, the Act directs MDHHS to increase the Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)-Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) rate to maintain and increase access to Autism treatment services for Medicaid-enrolled beneficiaries.

Therefore, consistent with 42 CFR §438.6(c)(1)(iii)(B), effective November 1, 2024, the contracted Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) will pay for BHT-ABA services (current procedure terminology [CPT] code 97153), at a rate of not less than \$16.50 per unit or \$66.00 per hour. The increase will come from the state general fund with federal match and be paid to the PIHPs through an increase to their capitation payments.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Laura Kilfoyle at KilfoyleL@michigan.gov.

Please include "Implementation of the Legislatively Mandated BHT-ABA Rate Increase" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan E. Groen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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