

<b>PerformCARE<sup>®</sup></b>		Policy and Procedure
<b>Name of Policy:</b>	Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) and Behavioral Health Technician – ABA (BHT - ABA) Skills Training and Development Payment Process	
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<b>Contracts:</b>	<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/BHT-ABA staff does not require prior authorization and should be billed as Procedure Code H2014UB for a maximum of six (6) hours per BHT staff following service provision. Skills training and development for newly hired BHT-ABA staff

should be billed as Procedure Code 97155 as part of the current authorization.

2. The service must be provided on-site in the course of delivering authorized BHT/BHT-ABA services to an eligible Member and must be under the supervision of a qualified supervisor per IBHS regulations prior to the BHT/BHT- ABA staff working alone with a child/adolescent Member.

**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.  
Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Bulletin  
OMHSAS-20-01, Issue Date January 31, 2020.*

**Superseded Policies  
and/or Procedures:** None

**Attachments:** None

Approved by:



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Primary Stakeholder