



What's changing in ABA billing codes for 2027

On January 1, 2027, an updated set of adaptive behavior services codes replaces the set introduced in 2019. Most codes carry over unchanged. Two Category III codes are retired, six new codes are added, and 97155 splits into two codes based on who delivers treatment. Use the crosswalk below to map the codes you bill today to the codes you'll bill in 2027.

6 new codes

2 codes retired

1 code splits in two

Crosswalk: 2019 → 2027

00000 New code ~~00000~~ Retired Technician QHP

ASSESSMENT

97151	→	97151	Behavior identification assessment	
97152	→	97152	Supporting assessment	
~~0362T~~	→	97148	Harmful behavior assessment, 2 techs	
—	→	+97149	Each additional technician (add-on)	

NON-FACE-TO-FACE

—	→	97180	Non-face-to-face services, weekly	
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FAMILY TREATMENT

97156	→	97156	Family guidance with analysis	
97157	→	97157	Multiple-family group guidance	

TREATMENT

97153	→	97153	Treatment by protocol	
~~0373T~~	→	97159	Harmful behavior treatment, 2 techs	
—	→	+97160	Each additional technician (add-on)	
97155	→	97155	Direction of technician with analysis	
97155	→	97173	Treatment with analysis, by QHP	

GROUP TREATMENT

97154	→	97154	Group treatment by protocol	
97158	→	97158	Group treatment with analysis	

Harmful behavior codes (97148, 97149, 97159, 97160) require a QHP on-site and immediately available, but not in the room. Add-ons cover the 3rd through 5th technician.

THE SPLIT

97155 becomes 97155 and 97173

In 2019, 97155 covered QHP treatment with or without a technician. From 2027, use 97155 when the QHP directs a technician with the client present, and 97173 when the QHP delivers treatment to the client directly.

NEW STRUCTURE

97180 and the add-on codes

97180 makes QHP non-face-to-face work reportable for the first time, summed and reported once per week. Harmful behavior services now bill as a two-technician base code plus an add-on (+97149, +97160) for each additional technician.

Before January 1

- ☐ Add the six new codes to your charge master and fee schedules.
- ☐ Ask each funder when they'll accept 2027 codes and how they'll handle existing authorizations.
- ☐ Map active authorizations for 0362T, 0373T and 97155 to their 2027 codes.
- ☐ Train clinicians on 97155 vs. 97173 and on tracking weekly 97180 time.

Read the full breakdown at <https://hirasmus.com/2026/10/16/2027-cpt-code-updates-aba/>