



Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Behavioral Health

Autism Services

State Regulations 7 AAC 135.350

CHANGE AGENT CONFERENCE-

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HISTORY OF AUTISM SERVICES

- ▶ In July 2014 the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS) issued guidance directing states to offer services to children as a regular Medicaid Service under the Early Period Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) provision for children under 21 years of age with an Autism Diagnosis.
- ▶ Prior to this guidance to receive Autism Services a child had to qualify for the Intellectual Disability Developmental Delay (IDDD) and the services were provided as Intensive Active Treatment (IAT).
- ▶ In Alaska, the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) was the Division selected to develop regulations and oversee these services.
- ▶ Effective date: **July 1st, 2018.**



AUTISM SERVICES

- ▶ **Autism services** means among others: the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior.
- ▶ **Types of services:**
 - ▶ Initial behavior identification assessment;
 - ▶ Behavior identification re-assessment;
 - ▶ Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol;
 - ▶ Group adaptive treatment by protocol;
 - ▶ Family adaptive treatment guidance and;
 - ▶ Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol modification.



AUTISM SERVICES SETTINGS

- ▶ Autism services may be provided in the following settings:
 - ▶ The recipient's home, school, and community;
 - ▶ The behavior analyst's office;
 - ▶ An outpatient clinic;
 - ▶ Another appropriate community setting.



SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018

- ▶ The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) developed and implemented regulations for autism services.
- ▶ Autism Services effective date of July 1st, 2018.
- ▶ DBH developed training materials (PowerPoint, WebEx, FAQ's) to providers.
- ▶ DBH enrolled group practices (six) as well as Autism Behavior Technicians (two dozens).
- ▶ Group practices ranging locations from Anchorage, Eagle River-Chugiak, Palmer to Fairbanks.
- ▶ Medicaid section has promptly informed providers as to any available resources and trainings (Listserv).
- ▶ DBH has relayed a Guidance Document on the 72 hours contemporaneously documentation as well as trainings.

AUTISM SERVICES PROVIDER TYPES

- ▶ Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®)
 - ▶ Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA®)
 - ▶ Autism Behavior Technician (ABT)
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AUTISM SERVICES AND RATES

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Procedure Code	Rendering Provider	Service Name	Rate	Duration/Unit
0359T	Behavior Analyst	Initial Behavior Identification Assessment	\$480.76	Assessment
0359T-TS	Behavior Analyst	Behavior Identification Re-Assessment	\$259.61	Re-assessment
0364T	Behavior Analyst Assistant Behavior Analyst Autism Behavior Technician	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol	\$38.04	30 minutes
0365T+	Behavior Analyst Assistant Behavior Analyst Autism Behavior Technician	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol – each additional 30 minutes	\$38.04	30 minutes
0366T	Behavior Analyst Assistant Behavior Analyst Autism Behavior Technician	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol	\$15.21	30 minutes
0367T+	Behavior Analyst Assistant Behavior Analyst Autism Behavior Technician	Group Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol – each additional 30 minutes	\$15.21	30 minutes
0368T	Behavior Analyst	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol Modification	\$50.06	30 minutes
0369T+	Behavior Analyst	Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol Modification – each additional 30 minutes	\$50.06	30 minutes
0370T	Behavior Analyst Assistant Behavior Analyst Autism Behavior Technician	Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance – without patient present	\$62.83	Per recipient per day

RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ In addition to meeting general eligibility requirements for Medicaid services, the recipient must:
 - ▶ Be under 21 years of age;
 - ▶ Have a qualifying diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - ▶ Provide documentation completed by a licensed behavior analyst that includes a recipient assessment.
- ▶ The assessment must establish the presence of functional impairments, delays in communication, behavior or social interaction, or repetitive or stereotyped behaviors;
- ▶ Establishes that the recipient's identified impairments, delays, or behaviors adversely affect normal child growth and development, or communication or both.

AUTISM SERVICES AND OTHER MEDICAID SERVICES

- ▶ A child may receive Autism Services and the following other services:
 - ▶ Behavioral Health Clinic Services (i.e. Psychotherapy, Psychological Testing, Medication Management);
 - ▶ Home and Community Based Waiver Services;
 - ▶ Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapy;
 - ▶ Medical Services (medical, dental, vision).
- ▶ **A child may not** receive Autism Services and the following services:
 - ▶ Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (i.e. Peer Support, Therapeutic Behavioral Health Support and Recipient Support Services).

RESOURCES

- ▶ Documentation regulations Division of Behavioral Health
[HTTP://WWW.LEGIS.STATE.AK.US/BASIS/AAC.ASP#7.135.010](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#7.135.010)
- ▶ Provider enrollment: www.medicaidalaska.com
- ▶ How to become a Medicaid behavioral health provider:
[HTTP://WWW.LEGIS.STATE.AK.US/BASIS/AAC.ASP#7.70.010](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#7.70.010)
- ▶ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available (Division of Health Care Services website).
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