

September 30, 2021

## TELEHEALTH SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) RESPONSE

### APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) THERAPY (*APPLIES TO MARKETPLACE ONLY*)

Community will temporarily allow telehealth for ABA Therapy for services rendered between **March 20, 2020** through **October 31, 2021**.

- Limited to established Members receiving ABA therapy with an existing approved prior authorization on file.
- Covered telehealth service delivery modalities are limited to those providing an interactive audiovisual connection to the Member.
  - Supporting assessment/reassessment performed by the Behavioral Technician (nonclinical): 97152
  - Supervision between the licensed Behavioral Health Provider and the Behavior Technician: 97155
  - Parent group training: 97156
  - Multi-family group behavioral treatment: 97157
  - Mental health service plan development: H0032
  - Direct behavior support by Behavioral Technician: 97153
  - Initial assessments (97151) limited to treatment plan updates / reassessment by the licensed Behavioral Health Provider
- The following services are not covered:
  - Telephone-only services or those delivered via live chat are not covered.
  - Group adaptive treatment by the Behavior Technician (97154) is not a covered telehealth service.
  - Group adaptive behavior treatment by the licensed Behavioral Health Provider (97158) is not a covered telehealth service
- For new Members needing urgent services, a higher level of care may be more appropriate to treat acute and imminent risk of harm to self and/or others.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Provider Engagement Representative or call our Provider Services line at 713.295.6704.