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SUBJECT: Functional Behavior Assessments for Non-Autism Services

SERVICE AFFECTED: H0031-FA – Assessment, Functional Behavior
Assessment for Non-Autism Services for Adults & Children

BACKGROUND

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is in process of opening the 97151 to non-ABA beneficiaries. Currently we are using H0031-FA to report Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) completed on individuals who are not involved in ABA services. **97151 will replace H0031-FA for non-ABA beneficiaries effective January 1, 2023.**

PROCEDURE

FBA is an approach that incorporates a variety of techniques and strategies to determine the pattern and purpose or “function” of a particular behavior and guide the development of an effective and efficient behavior treatment plan. The focus of an FBA is to identify social, affective, environmental, and trauma-based factors or events that initiate, sustain, or end a target behavior. A physical examination must be done by a MD or DO to identify biological or medical factors related to the target behavior. The FBA should integrate medical conclusions and recommendations. FBA provides insight into the function of a behavior, rather than just focusing on the target behavior itself so that a new behavior or skill will be developed to provide the same function or meet the identified need of the recipient. A comprehensive FBA includes:

- i) A review of records for psychological, health and medical factors which may influence behaviors (e.g. medication levels, sleep, health, diet, psychological and neurological factors);
- ii) An assessment of the person’s likes and dislikes (events/activities/objects/people);
- iii) Interviews with the individual, caregivers and team members for their hypotheses regarding the causes of behavior;
- iv) A systematic observation of the occurrence of the identified behavior for an accurate definition and description of the frequency, duration and intensity;
- v) A review of the history of the behavior and previous interventions, if available;
- vi) A systematic observation and analysis of the events that immediately precede each instance of the identified behavior;
- vii) A systematic observation and analysis of the consequences following the identified behavior;

- viii) Analysis of functions that these behaviors service for this person;
- ix) Get/obtain: interaction, reaction, desired activity, self-stimulation, other;
- x) Escape/avoid/protest: an emotional state, demand/request, activity, person, other;
- xi) Analysis of the settings in which the behavior occurs most/least frequently.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Please note that H0031-FA was an encounter code and 97151 is 1 unit per 15 minutes. At this time, service utilization guidelines are setup for 97151. Please note that while prior authorization was not required for H0031 -FA, 97151 will require prior authorization. When making your request you will be asking for 97151 without any modifiers.

CLAIMS

You will not be able to bill for 97151 if you do not have an approved authorization request. When filing claims please ensure you are entering both the code and the appropriate modifiers for 97151. Please refer to the appropriate rate sheets published at DWHIN.org to locate appropriate billing modifiers.

CHART:

Procedure Code	Description	
H0031-FA	Functional Behavior Assessment for Non-Autism Services, for Adults & Children CMHP.	Discontinue: 12/31/2022
97151 (with Education- level modifier)	97151 will replace H0031-FA for non-ABA beneficiaries.	Effective: 01/01/2023

REFERENCES:

Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual

http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42546_42553-87572--,00.html

MDHHS Website: SFY23 Behavioral Health Code Charts and Provider Qualifications

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_38765---,00.html