



**Attention Applied Behavioral Analysis Providers  
Billing Behavior Identification Assessment – 0359T**

Louisiana Medicaid is correcting issues related to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 0359T – Behavior Identification Assessment submitted on fee-for-service claims. The changes, based on the CPT code definition and guidance, indicate this procedure is not a timed service. This service is to be submitted with one unit of service regardless of the number of hours needed to complete the assessment.

Previously, this service was set up based on an hourly rate. On July 27, 2017 the fee for this assessment was updated to reflect payment for one unit of service effective for dates of service January 1, 2017 forward. Please refer to the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) fee schedule on the Medicaid website, [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com) for specific reimbursement information.

Providers should expect to see **prior authorizations (PA) approved for only one Behavior Identification Assessment (0359T) for a specific date of service**. Prior authorizations previously approved for up to four units will be systematically reduced to one without any action needed by providers.

**Effective immediately, providers submitting claims for a PA-approved '0359T' must enter the initial date of service with '1' in the 'units' field.**

Providers who have submitted multiple claims for 0359T and were paid for all approved units on the PA at \$100 a unit do not need to make any adjustments to their claims.

Providers who have not received full payment for the assessment due to denials should void any units that paid then bill the code using the initial date of service, '1' in the 'units' field, and the billed amount should reflect the total charge for the assessment.

Please refer to the ABA Provider Manual for more information regarding ABA based therapy services and the prior authorization process.

For questions regarding this message or how to bill for Behavior Identification Assessments (0359T), on fee-for-service claims, please contact Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.