

BHRS Coding and Authorizations Frequently Asked Questions

1. When did the new authorization and billing codes go into effect for BHRS ASD?

The new authorization codes went into effect for BSC on October 1, 2016; however, they were not available for implementation until March 1, 2017. The new billing codes went into effect on October 1, 2016 as well, and were available for implementation in July 2016. New codes for TSS went into effect on March 1, 2017 and FBA (FB4) on April 1, 2017.

2. What do Providers need to do with regard to the new codes?

VBH-PA required that the new authorization codes were utilized as of April 1, 2017. VBH-PA is correcting authorizations back to October 1, 2016 with the appropriate updates. Providers are required to appropriately write prescriptions for services specifying with and without ABA for BSC and TSS levels of care and to specify a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder when applicable. Providers would be expected to use the proper billing codes as of October 1, 2016.

3. What are the Place of Service code changes?

Place of Service (POS) for TSS in schools and PEP for School Based Behavioral Health changed from 03 to 99 as of April 1, 2017. This code must be utilized in order for services to be billed. The change in the POS was due to becoming more in line with the State's reporting grid (BHSRCC). Additionally, POS 99 for code AB3 began on March 1, 2017.

4. Are there codes for both TSS ASD with ABA and TSS ASD without ABA?

There were not different codes for TSS with and without ABA previously; however, in anticipation of the need to report on both TSS with and TSS without ABA there will be distinct codes for each effective July 1, 2017. Providers will receive a contract amendment that will reflect the new service codes for TSS with and without ABA. The new code H2021 U6 (TSS home/community) and H2021 U7 (TSS School) should be used for authorizations for TSS ASD without ABA as of July 1, 2017. This should not impact any historical authorizations and the code only needs to be used for new authorizations occurring ongoing from July 1, 2017. For all plans of care that started prior to 7/1/17 that were entered with AB2 and AB3 will not be changed until the new plan of care is started. Providers are to bill with the service codes that matches the service class/auth code that was entered with the plan of care.

5. Should prescriptions for BSC and TSS be broken apart for number of hours of ABA versus non-ABA services?

Clinically it would be very hard to determine a separation of hours for BSC ABA and BSC non-ABA and TSS ABA and TSS non-ABA for any individual; therefore, we recommend if an individual requires ABA services that the prescription indicate BSC ABA and/or TSS ABA when appropriate rather than also listing non-ABA hours of service delivery. However, if a script is written by an evaluator specifying both ABA and non-ABA service delivery hours, the authorization will be entered as it is written. Please note, it is also important that the appropriate services be written by the Provider on the Plan of Care.

Code Reference

	NON-ASD	ASD WITHOUT ABA	ASD WITH ABA	ACT 62
BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST CONSULTANT (DOCTORAL AND MASTERS LEVEL)	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> BS1 <u>SERVICE CODES:</u> H0032 HP-DOCTORAL H0032 HO-MASTERS	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> ASD <u>SERVICE CODES:</u> H0046 HP-DOCTORAL H0046 HO-MASTERS	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AB1 <u>SERVICE CODES:</u> H0046 AH-DOCTORAL H0046 TM-MASTERS	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AB4
THERAPEUTIC STAFF SUPPORT-HOME/COMMUNITY	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> YT1 <u>SERVICE CODE:</u> H2021 EP	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AS1 <u>SERVICE CODE:</u> H2021 U6	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AB2 <u>SERVICE CODE:</u> H2021 TG	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AB5
THERAPEUTIC STAFF SUPPORT-SCHOOL	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> YT3 <u>SERVICE CODE:</u> H2021 U3	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AS2 <u>SERVICE CODE:</u> H2021 U7	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AB3 <u>SERVICE CODE:</u> H2021 U4	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> AB6
FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> FBA <u>SERVICE CODES:</u> H0032 U4-DOCTORAL H0032 U6-MASTERS	<u>SERVICE CLASS/AUTH CODE</u> FB4 <u>SERVICE CODES:</u> H0032 AH-DOCTORAL H0032 TM-MASTERS	N/A	FB9

Place of Service (POS) Codes

Service Class	Where Service Can Be Delivered
YT1	12, 23, 99
YT3	99
AB3	99
AB2	11,12, 23,99
BS1	11,12, 23, 50, 72, 99
ASD	11,12, 23, 50, 72, 99
AB1	11,12, 23, 99
FBA	11,12, 23, 50, 72, 99
FB4	11,12, 23, 50, 72, 99
PEP	99
AS1	12, 23, 99
AS2	99

POS	Place of Service Description
11	Office
12	Home
23	Emergency Room - Hospital
50	Federally Qualified Health Ctr
72	Rural Health Clinic
99	Other POS