

## Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) ABA Group Service

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IBHS supports children, youth, and young adults with behavioral health needs. IBHS offers a wide array of services that meet the needs of these individuals and are delivered in their homes, schools, or other community settings. IBHS has three primary categories of service:

- ➔ Individual Services
- ➔ Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services
- ➔ Group Services

When clinically indicated, group services may also occur in community-like settings, such as a provider's licensed location. Group services are defined as therapeutic interventions provided to two or more children, youth, or young adults that include structured activities and community integration activities that address goals and objectives in the individual treatment plan (ITP). A community-like setting is defined as a setting that simulates a natural or typical setting for a child, youth, or young adult.

IBHS-ABA group services are delivered by graduate-level professionals qualified to deliver Behavior Analytic Services or Behavior Consultation—ABA Services. Individuals qualified to provide Behavioral Health Technician (BHT)-ABA services may also assist with conducting psychoeducational group activities or implement specific interventions outlined in the ITP. In instances where the group is conducted by someone qualified to deliver BHT-ABA, a graduate-level professional must be present at all times while group services are being provided.

Minimum Qualifications to deliver IBHS-ABA Group Services:

- ➔ Provide documentation of a current Pennsylvania license for IBHS - ABA Services and IBHS – Group Services from the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) within Philadelphia County.
- ➔ Provide documentation of MA enrollment and the appropriate PROMISE numbers for IBHS service.
- ➔ Hold current and ongoing designation as an ABA Provider through CBH's Evidence-based Practice and Innovation Center (EPIC) designation process.

Procedure Code 97158 will be used for IBHS-ABA group services provided by graduate-level professionals. Procedure Code 97154 will be used for IBHS-ABA group services provided by individuals who are qualified to provide BHT-ABA Group Services.

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There will be three levels of care to reflect the group size and prior authorization will be required.

- ➔ 425-53: IBHS- ABA Group Services up to three members (up to 3) with the U6 modifier.
- ➔ 425-54: IBHS-ABA Group Services for four to six (4-6) members with the U5 modifier.
- ➔ 425-55: IBHS-ABA Group Services for seven to twelve (7-12) members with no modifier.

If your agency meets the minimal qualifications stated above, please contact your Provider Relations Representative to request the new Levels of Care above be added to your Schedule A. An updated copy of the IBHS Written Order is attached to request prior authorization of services.