

Updates to Authorization Process for Intensive Behavioral Health Services

This Bulletin is to inform providers about updates to authorization procedures for Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS).

Transition from Blanket Authorization Numbers to Pre-Authorization

CBH will no longer use Blanket Authorization Numbers (BAN) to bill the following services:

- ➔ 425-8 Behavior Consultation
- ➔ 425-9 Behavior Consultation, Licensed
- ➔ 425-11 Mobile Therapy
- ➔ 425-12 Mobile Therapy, Licensed
- ➔ 425-14 IBHS Group (2 to 8 group members)
- ➔ 425-15 IBHS Group (9 to 12 group members)
- ➔ 425-16 IBHS Group (13 to 20 group members)
- ➔ 425-28 Behavior Analytic- ABA Services
- ➔ 425-29 Behavior Consultation- ABA Services
- ➔ 425-30 Assistant Behavior Consultation- ABA Services
- ➔ 425-34 Care Coordinator
- ➔ 425-35 Family Peer Support
- ➔ 425-51 ABA Services Mobile Therapy
- ➔ 425-52 ABA Services Mobile Therapy Licensed

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- ➔ 425-53 ABA Group Services (2 to 3 group members)
- ➔ 425-53 ABA Group Services (4 to 6 group members)

Change of Level of Care Codes

CBH will be changing and collapsing the levels of care below.

<i>Current Level of Care</i>	<i>New Level of Care (Effective July 1, 2023)</i>	<i>Procedure Code</i>	<i>Modifier</i>
425-8 Behavior Consultation 425-9 Behavior Consultation, Licensed	425-58 Behavior Consultation	H0032	Licensed – U9 Unlicensed- UB
425-11 Mobile Therapy 425-12 Mobile Therapy, Licensed 425-51 IBHS ABA Mobile Therapy 425-52 IBHS ABA Mobile Therapy Licensed	425-59 Mobile Therapy	H2019	Licensed – U9 Unlicensed- no modifier
425-17 Behavioral Health Technician, 425-18 Behavioral Health Technician Specialized	425-60 Behavioral Health Technician	H2021	
425-14 IBHS Group (2 to 8 group members) 425-15 IBHS Group (9 to 12 group members) 425-16 IBHS Group (13 to 20 group members)	425-61 IBHS Group Services	H2021	2 to 8 Group Members- U6 9-12 Group Members-U5 13-20 Group Members- U4
425-53 IBHS ABA Group (2 to 3 members) 425-54 IBHS ABA Group (4 to 6 members) 425-55 IBHS ABA Group (7 to 12 members)	425-65 IBHS ABA Group Services- BHT	97154	2 to 3 Group Members- U6 4 to 6 Group Members- U5 7-to 12 Group Members – no modifier
425-53 IBHS ABA Group (2 to 3 members)	425- 66 IBHS ABA Group Services- BC	97158	2 to 3 Group Members- U6

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425-54 IBHS ABA Group (4 to 6 members)	4 to 6 Group Members- U5
425-55 IBHS ABA Group (7 to 12 members)	7-to 12 Group Members – no modifier

Effective July 1, 2023, the services listed as transitioning from BAN to prior authorization will be billed against an individual authorization number, which will be issued by CBH upon receipt of a valid Written Order and any other required documentation. Written Orders must be submitted for all IBHS services effective June 1, 2023.

Transition Plan

Children Starting IBHS:

Effective June 1, 2023, Written Orders must be submitted for all youth whose IBHS start date is June 1, 2023, or later. These youth will be given an individual authorization number for services requested and approved starting July 1, 2023. Providers will use the BAN to bill any services provided up until June 30, 2023.

Children Already Enrolled:

Providers will need individual authorization numbers for any youth currently enrolled who are projected to need IBHS beyond June 30, 2023. CBH has created a spreadsheet for provider submissions of information related to children already enrolled. Providers will receive the spreadsheet from their Provider Representative. Providers can submit their spreadsheet to their Provider Representative via secure email no later than June 1, 2023. Providers will continue to bill for these youth using the BAN until June 30, 2023, at which time all services must be billed to an individual authorization number. For children with authorizations for Behavioral Health Technician (425-17 and 425-18), CBH will end date authorizations for June 30, 2023, and generate new authorization numbers under 425-60, a new level of care code for Behavioral Health Technician. These authorizations will have a start date of July 1, 2023, and will end on the original last covered day. CBH will issue individual authorization numbers by June 30, 2023.

Providers will be able to view the new levels of care on their contracts (Schedule As) by May 1, 2023, so the CBH Clinical team can start to generate authorization numbers. However, the effective date for billing the authorizations will be July 1, 2023.

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