

## Updates to Authorization Process for Intensive Behavioral Health Services

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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<br>425-9 Behavior Consultation, Licensed  | 425-58 Behavior Consultation                      | H0032                 | Licensed – U9<br>Unlicensed- UB   |
| 425-11 Mobile Therapy<br>425-12 Mobile Therapy, Licensed<br>425-51 IBHS ABA Mobile Therapy<br>425-52 IBHS ABA Mobile Therapy Licensed | 425-59 Mobile Therapy                             | H2019                 | Licensed – U9<br>Unlicensed- no modifier  |
| 425-17 Behavioral Health Technician,<br>425-18 Behavioral Health Technician Specialized   | 425-60 Behavioral Health Technician               | H2021                 |   |
| 425-14 IBHS Group (2 to 8 group members)<br>425-15 IBHS Group (9 to 12 group members)<br>425-16 IBHS Group (13 to 20 group members)   | 425-61 IBHS Group Services                        | H2021                 | 2 to 8 Group Members- U6<br>9-12 Group Members-U5<br>13-20 Group Members- U4                |
| 425-53 IBHS ABA Group (2 to 3 members)<br>425-54 IBHS ABA Group (4 to 6 members)<br>425-55 IBHS ABA Group (7 to 12 members)           | 425-65 IBHS ABA Group Services- BHT               | 97154                 | 2 to 3 Group Members- U6<br>4 to 6 Group Members- U5<br>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<br>(4 to 6 members)  | 4 to 6 Group<br>Members- U5               |
| 425-55 IBHS ABA Group<br>(7 to 12 members) | 7-to 12 Group<br>Members – no<br>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 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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