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Aetna Better Health® of New Jersey to Stop Using H0032 for ABA Services

Effective July 15, 2026, Aetna Better Health® of New Jersey revised its reimbursement policy for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to better align with current clinical standards, industry practices, and appropriate coding guidance.

What changed?

Effective **July 15, 2026**, HCPCS code **H0032** are no longer used to represent Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services on authorizations or claims.

HCPCS code H0032 was not designed exclusively for ABA services and has been used inconsistently across providers when applied to the treatment of members with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Continued use of this code for ABA services has resulted in variability in billing practices that are not aligned with standardized ABA coding guidance.

For services authorized and rendered on or after **July 15, 2026**, providers must include the appropriate Adaptive Behavior Services CPT® codes (Category I codes **97151-97158** and/or Category III codes **0362T** and **0373T**), as approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) for ABA assessment and treatment, instead of H0032 when submitting:

- Authorization requests for ABA assessment and treatment services.
- Claims for ABA services rendered to Aetna Better Health of New Jersey members.

Aetna Better Health of New Jersey will continue to honor authorizations created on or before **July 14, 2026**, that include H0032 and will continue to reimburse H0032 on claims for authorized services rendered between **July 15, 2026, and January 14, 2027**.

This change applies to members enrolled in Aetna Better Health® of New Jersey Medicaid plans.

What is not changing?

- Authorization requirements for ABA treatment hours are not changing.
- Coverage for medically necessary ABA services is not being reduced.
- The use of HCPCS code H0032 for non-ABA services is not changing.