

New Procedure Codes for AAW Behavioral Specialist Services ODP Announcement 20-073

AUDIENCE:

Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Behavioral Specialist Services providers and Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)

PURPOSE:

To communicate that new BSS procedure codes have been added to PROMISE and HCSIS to replace the procedure codes causing error codes and denials

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Due to a change to the Federal procedure codes for BSS, AAW providers have been receiving error codes and denials when attempting to bill for BSS. The following procedure codes are impacted by this change and will no longer be in use: 96150, 96151 HB, 96151 HC and 96151 HT. New BSS procedure codes have been added to PROMISE and HCSIS to replace these procedure codes.

BSASP has made all the necessary changes to PROMISE and HCSIS in order to transition to the use of these new procedure codes, which includes the update of effected ISP's.

For BS services delivered **on or after** 5/26/2020, providers can now submit and/or resubmit denied billing using the new procedure codes:

Original Procedure Code	New Procedure Code	Description
96150	96156	Plan Development
96151 HT	96171	BSS Consult 15-minute
96151 HB	96159	BSS Direct 15-minute
96151 HC	96159	BSS Direct 15-minute

For BS services delivered prior to 5/26/20, providers can still submit billing using the original procedure codes.

If you encounter any problems with billing using the new codes, please contact Amber Bennett at c-ambennet@pa.gov.