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Prior Authorization Code List

New Mexico Turquoise Care

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Overview

The table below outlines the behavioral health services that require prior authorization for the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of New Mexico / Turquoise Care (Medicaid) plan. Please check this list before you provide services to members covered by this plan.

You'll find additional information about prior authorization for behavioral health services in these 3 resources:

- Prior authorization submission instructions and other resources
- The Optum Behavioral Health National Network Manual and
- The UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of New Mexico Care Provider Manual
- The New Mexico Welcome Page for behavioral health providers

If you have additional questions, please call the Customer Service number on the back of the member's ID card.

Notes: All out-of-network (non-participating) providers must obtain prior authorization approval before providing behavioral health services. Prior authorization **is not required** when rendering emergency services. Emergency admissions require notification.

Prior authorization required for these codes

Service Description	Billing/Revenue Code
Psychiatric room and board, private room	114
Psychiatric room and board, semi-private 2 beds	124
Residential treatment center for youth	190
Intensive Outpatient (IOP) – Mental health	905
Mental health residential	1001
Group home for youth	1005
Intensive Outpatient Services – Psychiatric	S9480
Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)	
Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered face-to-face by a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) or other qualified technician under the direction of a doctor or other qualified healthcare professional; one patient; each 15 minutes	97153
Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification with the following required components: Administration by the physician or other qualified health care professional who is onsite; with the assistance of two or more technicians (BA, BT, BAA or combination); for a patient who exhibits destructive behavior; completion in an environment that is customized to the patient's behavior; each 15 minutes	0373T

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