

Important Provider Alert about the new CPT Codes for ABA and autism.

[Note that this alert is not being sent out by the AMA. I'm sending this out on my own accord based on public information from the AMA's website. I've got no knowledge of who might be surveyed, or when the survey would go out, or even if the survey will be sent out. I hope that I'm not misleading anyone or implying any official endorsement.] The AMA's RUC may be sending out a survey which will determine the value of the services that you provide for autism using the new ABA CPT Codes.

We have created a free one-hour course to help you consider all of your costs that the structure of the CPT codes would need to cover.

The AMA's RVS Update Committee (RUC) reviews resource costs for services that are billed using CPT codes, using three Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) components.

The formula for calculating the cost of a service is based on the following:

1) Physician Work Component

The physician work component accounts for an average of 51% of the total relative value for each service. The factors used to determine physician work include the time it takes to perform the service, the technical skill and physical effort, the required mental effort and judgment and stress due to the potential risk to the patient.

2) Practice Expense Component

The practice expense component accounts for an average of 45% of the total relative value for each service. The values were based on resource-based practice expense relative values for each CPT code, which differ based on the site of service.

3) Professional Liability Insurance (PLI)

You may take this free one-hour course at:

<http://behavior.uwf.edu/?course=cpt-codes-from-the-clinical-perspective>