



CALCULATOR

15-Minute Units Calculator for ABA in Florida Medicaid (8-Minute Rule)

A calculator for the 15-minute billing units in Florida Medicaid's behavior analysis coverage policy. Type the minutes of one service: it divides by 15, adds one unit when the remainder is 8 minutes or more, shows the math and tells you how many minutes are missing for the next unit. The chart lists the minutes for each unit, and the printable version goes up to 16 units. The rule comes from the fee-for-service section of the December 2024 policy.

Minutes to units

Divide the minutes by 15; a remainder of 8 minutes or more counts as one more unit, under 8 does not.

Minutes of service	Billable units
0 to 7	0
8 to 22	1
23 to 37	2
38 to 52	3
53 to 67	4
68 to 82	5
83 to 97	6
98 to 112	7
113 to 127	8
128 to 142	9
143 to 157	10
158 to 172	11
173 to 187	12
188 to 202	13
203 to 217	14
218 to 232	15
233 to 247	16

1 How to use it

1. Type the total minutes of one service, as documented in the session note.
2. Read the billable units and the minutes left over.
3. Check the units against what is authorized for that code.

2 The rule it applies

- Bill only services performed for 8 minutes or more when counting 15-minute units.¹
- Over 15 minutes, divide the total minutes by 15. A remainder of 8 minutes or more counts as one unit; under 8, it does not count.¹

3 What it does not check

- Your SMMC plan's own billing rules: the policy's reimbursement section applies to fee-for-service.¹
- Unit limits per code: for example, 97151 is capped at 24 units per behavior assessment.²
- Whether the session note supports the minutes: it records the date, time, location and duration of the service.¹

Sources

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