

REFERENCE CARD

Florida Medicaid ABA Reference Card: the Rules at a Glance

1 Who can receive and who provides

Topic	Florida Medicaid rule
Who can receive	Recipients under 21 who need medically necessary behavior analysis ¹
Referral	From an independent physician or practitioner, with a physician's order and a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation (CDE) ¹
Lead Analyst	BCBA, FL-CBA, or a practitioner licensed under Chapters 490 or 491, F.S. ¹
Supervision	BCaBAs under a BCBA; RBTs under a BCBA or BCaBA; supervision according to CASP's practice standards ¹

2 Assessment, plan and reassessment

Topic	Florida Medicaid rule
Core instruments	Vineland-3 for all recipients, with the Maladaptive Behavior Domain from age 3; BASC-3 PRQ for ages 2 through 18 ¹
Scoring reports	The complete scoring report goes with the prior authorization request ¹
Plan period	Up to six months ¹
Reassessment	At least every six months; core instruments every 12 months ¹
Signatures	Lead Analyst and the parent or guardian sign the assessment and the plan ¹

3 Authorization and units

Topic	Florida Medicaid rule
Fee-for-service	QIO authorization before services start and at least every 180 days ¹
SMMC plans	Since the February 2025 transition, services for plan enrollees are reimbursed through the plan, and providers contract with it ³
Plan change	The new plan honors treatment authorized before enrollment for up to 90 days ³
15-minute units	Total minutes divided by 15; a remainder of 8 minutes or more is one unit ¹
Weekly hours	Up to 40 hours per week of intervention, as in the prior-authorized plan ¹
97151	Up to 24 units per behavior assessment; with the TS modifier, up to 18 for a reassessment ²
97152 and 0362T	97152: up to 8 units per behavior assessment. 0362T: up to 16 units for an initial assessment or reassessment, prior authorized ²

4 Parents, groups and session notes

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Parent participation	Every effort to include parents, documented; if they cannot take part, the reasons, the likely impact and how it is reduced ¹
Telemedicine training	The Lead Analyst may train parents or guardians up to two hours per week ¹
Group size	Six participants at most ¹
Session notes	Signed and dated by the rendering practitioner, with the date, time, location and duration ¹
Not covered	Seclusion or restraint to control behavior; acting as a 1:1 aide, companion or shadow; travel time; childcare ¹
What may change	AHCA's ABA Task Force studies service-authorization limits and possible caps on service duration, with recommendations for the Governor, the Senate President and the House Speaker by December 31, 2026 ⁴

Each rule is explained in full, with its sources, at blog.aba.partners.

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