

Provider Bulletin

Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc.

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Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements - Effective June 11, 2026 Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy (Medicaid)

Effective June 11, 2026, requirements for Prior Authorization (PA) with Molina Healthcare of Washington will change for the following CPT and HCPCS codes related to Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy. This change affects Molina Medicaid members. Molina will require a PA for both participating and non-participating providers for claims submitted for any place of service. Below is a list of codes that will require a PA.

ABA PA Guide		Upcoming Change
CPT/HCPCS Codes	Description	
H2020	Intensive Behavioral Intervention Day Treatment (Therapeutic Behavioral Services Per Diem)	PA REQUIRED

What Is Changing on 6/11/2026

Beginning June 11, 2026, PA will be required for any new and in progress ABA Day Treatment course of care that continues on or after this date, regardless of member age or number of previously authorized service days.

This applies to any member who:

- NEW: H2020 service beginning on or after 6/11/26 OR
- CONTINUING: Has at least one completed H2020 service day prior to 6/11/2026, and:
 - Has one or more additional service days planned on or after 6/11/2026 as part of the same treatment episode.
 - A PA request must be submitted for the remaining portion of the current treatment episode. PA approval is required to ensure claim payment for all H2020 services rendered on or after 6/11/2026.
 - Clinical documentation must include progress notes and all required program components outlined in the ABA WAC, demonstrating the member's progress and current stage within the course of treatment.

What Is Ending on 6/11/2026

Effective June 11, 2026, the following prior authorization requirements will no longer apply:

- PA based on member age (under age 2, or age 6 and older)
- PA triggered by 48 lifetime service days of H2020
- PA requirements tied to a member turning age 6 during a course of treatment

These criteria will be replaced by the new requirement described above for treatment episodes that are NEW or extend beyond the implementation date.

Additional Resources

For detailed program and billing requirements, please refer to:

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Program Billing Guide
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/aba-services-bg-20260101.pdf>
- ABA Day Treatment Provider Attestation
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/13-0007-aba-day-program-attestation.pdf>

If PA is required for a requested service, please fax your authorization requests to Molina at (833) 552-0030. PA forms can be found on our provider website at:

- Medicaid: [MolinaHealthcare.com/providers/wa/Medicaid/forms/fuf.aspx](https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/wa/Medicaid/forms/fuf.aspx)

Our goal is to provide you with excellent customer service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Provider Services Representative at (855) 322-4082, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued service to your Molina members.