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DBH Autism Concurrent Services Guidance Document

7 AAC 135.350(k)(6) states that concurrent billing of two or more autism services is not allowable. When the current procedure code set was adopted after that regulation became effective, DBH issued guidance that stated that concurrent billing is allowable. The code sets below were impacted by that guidance.

- 97153 – adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under direction of qualified health care professional to one patient
- 97155 – adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification administered by qualified health care professional to one patient

DBH acknowledges autism providers have operated under that guidance since approximately January 2019 despite its conflict with the controlling regulation.

DBH seeks to resolve that conflict in favor of the regulation. This Autism Concurrent Services Guidance Document serves notice effective immediately that providers must adhere to 7 AAC 135.350(k)(6). Two or more autism services may not be billed during the same fifteen (15) minute time increment. The Department of Health and Social Services will no longer pay for concurrent autism services.

If you have questions, please contact the MPASS Unit at mpassunit@alaska.gov. In the subject line please note Autism Concurrent Services Guidance Document.

The Division looks forward to a continued partnership with your agency to ensure fulfillment of federal and state regulations.