Behavoral health/ABA services

**Regarding ongoing services past a beneficiary's 21st birthday, is there any limit to how long services may continue? You have indicated that services would continue until treatment was completed, can that be quantified?**

*Unfortunately, we cannot quantify the time frame of treatment. However, if a member is already in services at the age of 21, services would continue for the member as long as they meet medical necessity criteria as outlined in OHCA policy.*

**For BCaBAs, can you clarify, are they able to provide 97155 and 97156 under supervision of the BCBA or just 97155?**

*BCaBAs can only provide 97155 and 97153.*

**You state that the documentation must be signed off by a BCBA (for BCaBAs providing 97155). If we use Catalyst for data collection and notes, does this mean we need a BCBA signature on each 97155 note for a BCaBA?**

*In your records for the member, there would need to be an area that the BCBA attests and signs that they had oversight of the BCaBAs and their clinical decisions. This does not have to be sent to OHCA but should be retained for your records in the event of a service quality review.*

**If a psychology student is assigned to a specific preceptor, can they be supervised by other preceptors in the practice?**

*OHCA does not have any oversight over who a psychology student receives instruction from in the practice. However, the only individuals that can render and provide ABA services to Sooner Care members are RBTs, BCBAs, BCaBAs and licensed psychologists that are contracted with OHCA.*

**Getting authorization for 97151 every 6 months means that we might have only 3 weeks to complete a reassessment and update a treatment plan to avoid a gap in services. Is it possible to get 97151 with other therapy codes?**

*If you have a current 97151 authorization approved, then units will need to be used for that request prior to requesting a new one. If a request is sent in early, then it may not process until closer to the start date.*

*Some providers submit and ask for all the CPT codes at the same time from the beginning of the first initial authorization to have their time frames line up.*

**How long after the 97151 is rendered is the treatment plan good for in regard to requesting treatment?**

*Typically, 30 days.*