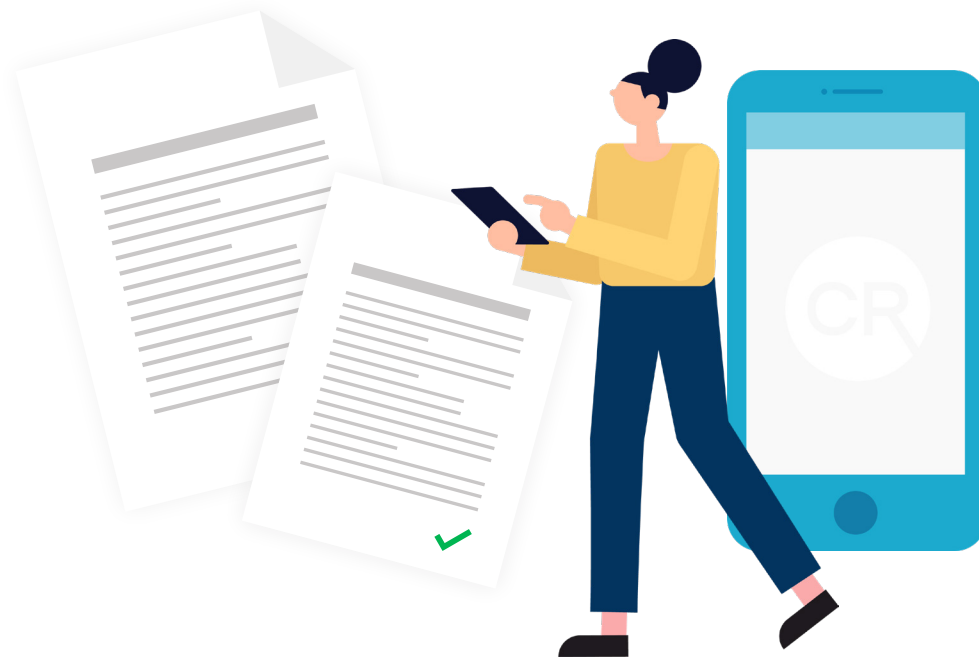


# CPT Payor Checklist

We care about your success. That's why we've prepared some resources to help you stay ahead of the curve and start preparing your practice to transition to the new CPT codes for ABA.



## 1. First things first... learn more about the codes

Before you get in touch with your payors, we recommend you **carefully review the 2019 CPT codes**. The official version may be purchased from the [American Medical Association](#).

## 2. Consider new per unit rates

**The new codes are inclusive of both indirect and direct services**, so its important for you to present new rates that capture all time spent. Consider the cost of time like training behavior techs, modifying protocol, graphing/analyzing data, and all other services where no client is present.

### 3. Contact your payors

**You have to contact all your payors.** Here is a checklist to help get the information you need:

- Make a list of each payor to contact
- Ask each payor for their timeline for rolling out the 2019 CPT Codes
- Request details on how existing authorizations will be converted
- Ask questions specific to your practice, especially if you provide telehealth services or services that are not clearly covered by the new codes
- Renegotiate your unit rates, noting that:
  - Each of the new codes is inclusive of both direct and indirect services
  - New rates must capture all time spent, including training of behavior techs, modifying protocol, graphing/analyzing data, and all other services where no client is present
  - Additional administrative costs due to payor inefficiencies, such as frequent payment errors or delayed authorizations

### 4. Additional resources

- CPT Coding Crosswalk, by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board [🔗](#)
- Recorded CPT code webinar, by Behavioral Health Center of Excellence [🔗](#)
- Register for a Q&A sessions by the Association for Professional Behavior Analysis [🔗](#)
- 2019 CPT Codes for ABA Billing: FAQs and Resources for Success, by CentralReach [🔗](#)
- Your CentralReach email, where we'll send information on best practices to update your account with the new CPT codes

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