

PROVIDER Bulletin



**KERN HEALTH
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Removal of Code H0046 from ABA Contracts – Effective February 1, 2026

This bulletin serves as a reminder that, effective February 1, 2026, HCPCS code H0046 will be removed from Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) contracts. All related contracts have been amended accordingly. This change aligns with the DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Manual: Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) guidelines and approved service codes.

Important Billing Guidance:

- Providers with active authorizations that include approved H0046 units must bill the remaining authorized units under H0032.
- Claims submitted on or after February 1, 2026, using H0046 will be denied.

Provider Bulletins are available on the Kern Health Systems (KHS) website. Please visit the site regularly to stay informed of the latest updates and announcements.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000, silent prompt option #5.

Sincerely,

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