



COLORADO
Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Dear Pediatric Behavioral Therapy Provider,

All Autism Services Providers delivering Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (Current Procedural Terminology [CPT] 97153) are required to hold national registration as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) as specified in the [July 18, 2025, Memo 25-005](#), and the [August 2025 Provider Bulletin](#).

Providers who shared data and updates regarding workforce readiness and certification timelines are appreciated, as this input was instrumental in determining the new extension date. Additional time to ensure compliance is being granted to recognize provider workforce constraints and the volume of pending certification applications with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) while maintaining service continuity for Health First Colorado members.

Extension of Deadline

- The effective deadline for RBT certification has been **extended to October 31, 2025**.
- Providers with staff who are actively pursuing RBT certification may continue delivering services through October 30, 2025, under the supervision of a qualified provider.
- Beginning November 1, 2025, only providers with valid and active RBT certification may provide and bill Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol (97153) services under Health First Colorado.

Contact Gina Robinson at Gina.Robinson@state.co.us with questions regarding this extension.

Thank you,

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