

DRAFT_Children's Habilitation Intervention
Frequently Asked Questions
for **Providers**

Question	Answer
How would a provider get the screening and recommendation form when a child changes agencies?	The screening and required recommendation are both child specific and not specific to the agency/provider. If the child has a current prior authorization the new agency will not be required to obtain the screening and recommendation prior to providing services.
Which type of Vineland must be completed as the screening?	The comprehensive Interview Form must be used with the Parent/Caregiver for the screening.
Is the family training component of habilitative skill and behavioral intervention allowed for individuals other than the child's parent or legal guardian?	Yes. The family training/coordination component of habilitative skill and behavioral intervention can be provided to others who regularly participate in caring for the child. This can include a step-parent, grandparent and daycare/babysitter.
Can the family training/coordination components of behavioral intervention and habilitative skill be done without the child present?	The written definition of behavioral intervention and habilitative skill does not allow for the family training component of this service to be delivered without the child present.
What is Interdisciplinary Training and how is it billed?	Interdisciplinary Training is professional instruction to the direct service provider that provides assistance to meet the needs of the child. It is collaboration between direct service providers and must only be provided during the provision of a direct service. This service allows two providers to provide different services to the child, on the same date of service at the same time. The Developmental Disability Agency (DDA) or Independent Provider will bill interdisciplinary training and the provider (i.e., SLP, OT, etc) will bill for the appropriate procedural code for the direct service. The billing code is 99368 and is billed 1 unit = 30 minutes.
What is an example of acceptable billing for Interdisciplinary Training?	When a speech-language pathologist (SLP) is scheduled for interdisciplinary training with an Intervention Specialist, the SLP is providing the direct service to the client and bills SLP and the Intervention Specialist bills interdisciplinary training.
Can Interdisciplinary Training be provided to a Respite or Community-Based Supports staff?	No. Interdisciplinary Training is collaboration between an Intervention Specialist or Intervention Professional and a Speech Language and Hearing Professional (SLP), Physical Therapist (PT), Occupational Therapist (OT), medical professional, behavioral or mental health professional.

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Can Habilitative Skill Technician deliver interdisciplinary training?	No. A Habilitative Skill Technician can only provide Habilitative Skill and emergency backup Crisis Intervention.
Can staff training be done without the child present for Crisis Intervention?	Yes. This would be allowable based on the way the State Plan definition is written.
When developing a crisis plan, can I complete a additional assessment tool?	Yes. Crisis can be utilized to develop a crisis plan that addresses the behavior occurring and the necessary intervention strategies to minimize the behavior. If additional tools or an analysis is needed to assist in developing the crisis plan, then crisis can be utilized.
Can I complete an assessment in conjunction with Crisis Intervention? For example, can I update the child's ACTP?	Yes. Crisis can be utilized to create a crisis plan and this information can be added to the ACTP.
For Crisis Intervention, are things like data analysis, prepping for the session, and creating material billable as crisis hours?	Preparing for an intervention session and analyzing data are not activities that are listed as being reimbursable services as the service of crisis is defined.
Can multiple individuals with different provider qualifications do different parts of the ACTP? For example, can an Evidence-Based Model Intervention Professional do the VB-MAPP, and an Intervention Specialist complete the interview? How would the billing structure for this work?	Yes. Each provider qualification can complete different parts of the ACTP and bill accordingly to their provider qualification. When the provider submits the ACTP for prior authorization they will need to identify each provider qualification and number of units to be authorized based on each provider qualification.
For staff who are currently providing services and will continue to complete assessments and Implementation Plans, does the agency have to go back and document their "Assessment Trainings" (10 and 5 hours) or is this only for new staff?	Yes. Rule identifies that in order for a Intervention Specialist to complete assessments and/or implementation plans they must have documentation of this training and supervised experience.

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If a staff has their Habilitative Intervention Certificate of Completion and they completed the 40-hour Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) training, does that training meet one year (12 hours) of continuing training requirements?	Yes.
If a new staff takes a 40-hour Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) training to become an Intervention Specialist, can those 40 hours be used to meet the 12 hours of continuing training?	No, this training would be received before the individual meets the competencies and can deliver the service. The continued training requirement is to be applied for individuals once they begin providing intervention services.
Can an individual with a bachelor's degree and experience, but not the competency, continue to provide services as a Habilitative Skill Technician?	Yes. If an individual is gaining the required competency to become an Intervention Specialist, they are continuing to gain the required experience to become an Intervention Specialist and they continue to meet the requirements of a Habilitative Skill Technician. *Note that the Habilitative Skill Technician position is limited to a single 18 successive month period.
If someone has taken their first class towards ABA coursework and it is 45 hours, will that one course meet the Department's competency to become an Intervention Specialist?	No. The 40-hour ABA training must be standardized in content in order for the individual to meet competency to provide the direct intervention service. This information will be further clarified in the Medicaid Provider Handbook.
Does providing Habilitative Intervention meet the rule requirement for experience in implementing comprehensive behavioral therapies for an individual to meet the minimum requirements for an Intervention Professional?	Yes.