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### Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Behavioral Health Aide Coverage Changes Effective 11/1/2018**

Issue Date: 11/08/2018

Run Length: 6 weeks

Provider Type(s): 021

Message: Effective November 1, 2018, the following coverage changes have been made to Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) services:

- Psychotherapy and psychiatric diagnostic codes (90832, 90834, 90837, 90846, 90847, 90791, 90849) were added to BHA Level III
- New CPT code 96127, *Brief emotional/behavioral assessment*, was added for all BHA levels
- New CPT codes 90839, 90840 for crisis-related psychotherapy were added to BHA Level III and BH Practitioner

Providers are reminded to review the appropriate Behavioral Health Aide fee schedule prior to rendering services to ensure the service is covered for the BHA's certification level on the date of service. The fee schedules for Behavioral Health Aide services before and after 11/1/18 are available at <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/medicaidalaska/providers/FeeSchedule.asp>.

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