

Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority Michigan Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit

Are you concerned that your child has autism?

Take a closer look at some signs:

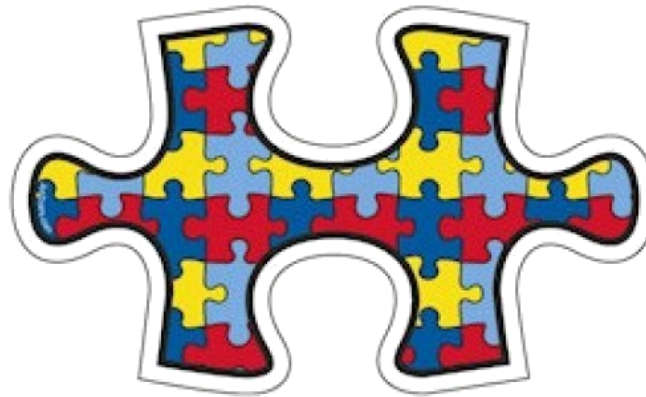
- ◇ Not talking or suddenly stopped talking
- ◇ Does not make eye contact
- ◇ Does not return smiles
- ◇ Not interested in other children
- ◇ Lags behind same age children in skills
- ◇ Has temper outbursts or tantrums — “melt downs”
- ◇ Does not respond to his or her name
- ◇ Does not like to cuddle
- ◇ Is sensitive to clothing and textures
- ◇ Has limited food preferences



Awareness

DWMHA ASD Benefit Providers:

- ◆ Centria Healthcare
- ◆ The Children's Center
- ◆ Connections
- ◆ The Guidance Center
- ◆ Neighborhood Service Organization
- ◆ PsychSystems
- ◆ Starfish Family Services
- ◆ University Pediatricians Autism Center



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Both new and current families can call
to be screened for this benefit

The DWMHA Access Center
can be reached by calling
(800) 241-4949

Additional information on the DWMHA
Medicaid/MICHild Autism Benefit can
found at: www.dwmha.com



Autism and You

How the Medicaid/MICHild Autism Benefit Can Help You





What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

ASD is a developmental disability caused by a problem in the brain. Scientists do not know yet exactly what causes ASD. ASD can impact a person's functioning in different ways. People with ASD may have problems with social, behavioral, and communication skills. Many people with ASD also have different ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to things. ASD begins during early childhood and last throughout a person's lifetime. A person with an ASD might:

- ◇ Not respond to their name by 12 months
- ◇ Not point at objects to show interest by 14 months
- ◇ Not play "pretend" games at 18 months
- ◇ Avoid eye contact and want to be alone
- ◇ Have trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about their own feelings
- ◇ Have delayed speech and language skills
- ◇ Repeat words or phrases over and over
- ◇ Give unrelated answers to questions
- ◇ Get upset by minor changes
- ◇ Have obsessive interests
- ◇ Flap their hands, rock their body, or spin in circles
- ◇ Have unusual reactions to the way things sound, smell, taste, look, or feel

What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)?

ABA is an intensive, behaviorally-based treatment that uses various techniques to bring about meaningful and positive changes in the communication, social interaction, and repetitive/restrictive behaviors that are typical of ASD. Each child will have an individualized Intervention Plan that breaks down desired skills into manageable steps to be taught. Each ABA Plan is designed for the individualized needs of the child and will include an average of 5 to 20 hours of direct interventions per week depending on medical necessity. These services are intensive and can be provided either in the home or in a clinic setting. ABA interventions involve parent/guardian training and participation.



What are the Eligibility Requirements?

The State of Michigan now offers Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services to individuals who:

- ◇ Have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis
- ◇ Are 18 months to 5 years old
- ◇ Are Medicaid or MICHild Eligible



How to Access the Service?

To receive ABA services in Wayne County, the child must be screened. Either the child's Primary Care Physician or the Detroit Wayne Mental Health (DWMHA) Access Center can help start this process. **The DWMHA Access Center can be reached by calling (800) 241-4949.**

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