

## Medicaid Autism Applied Behavior Analysis Service

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### What is Medicaid Autism Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Service?

Medicaid Autism Applied Behavior Analysis Service is the assistance provided to a qualifying individual with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis. The service includes **program oversight** supporting comprehensive assessment, care plan development, referral, monitoring and follow-up; and **skills training** for qualifying individuals and their caregivers. Services can occur within the home, community or a provider's facility.

### Who qualifies?

Individuals up to age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid and have an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis are eligible for the autism ABA service.

### How to apply:

**A household that includes an individual younger than age 21 who is Medicaid eligible must provide this information to the department annually:**

- ✓ Copy of the individual's diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder from the individual's primary care provider or a licensed medical care provider qualified to diagnose
- ✓ Copy of a Health Tracks/ EPSDT screening that has been completed within the past six months
- ✓ Recommendation that the individual with ASD will benefit from ABA services (*Once approved, the household will receive a prior approval letter to take to the provider of their choice.*)

### What to expect:

While participating in Medicaid autism ABA services, the individual with ASD will receive comprehensive assessments to identify their individual needs.

- ✓ A care plan will be developed to include: identifying the targeted behavior, goals and method(s) of reaching goals. This plan will be reviewed at least every six months.
- ✓ Skills trainers will assist the individual with ASD in acquiring skills identified in his or her care plan.
- ✓ Skills trainers will train the individual's caregivers (parents, grandparents, others) to implement the interventions to help the individual reach his or her identified goals.

**IMPORTANT:** *An annual Health Tracks/EPSDT screening with recommendations for ABA services must be submitted yearly to the department for continuation of services.*

### For more information:

Visit [www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/docs/autism-aba-service-policy-and-procedures.pdf](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/docs/autism-aba-service-policy-and-procedures.pdf) or contact the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D. 58505-0250, 701.328.4630, toll-free 800.755.2604 or [dhsautism@nd.gov](mailto:dhsautism@nd.gov).

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