

EPSDT Autism Program

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Acronym Dictionary

- ABA: Applied Behavior Analysis
- ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder
- BCaBA®: Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst®
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- Behavioral Paraprofessional: BCaBAs®, RBTs®, or paraprofessionals with extensive knowledge and training in ASD-specific treatment
- EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
- RBT®: Registered Behavior Technician®



ABA Provider Hierarchy

BCBAs®: Doctoral or Masters
level clinicians

Evaluations, treatment plans,
supervision

Behavioral Paraprofessionals:
Bachelors or Diploma level
clinicians

Direct intervention and
treatment plan implementation



ABA Overview

- Applied Behavior Analysis: The evidence-based practice of analyzing, designing, implementing, and evaluating social and environmental modifications to produce meaningful changes in human behavior
- Can be provided to children of any age with ASD
- Evaluation alone can take upwards of 6 hours
- Two approaches to ABA services:
 - Comprehensive: Highly intensive, targets many behaviors
 - Focused: More specific behaviors targeted
- BCBAs® provide a detailed evaluation and develop an individualized treatment plan.
- Behavioral Paraprofessionals implement the treatment plans under the supervision of the BCBAs®.

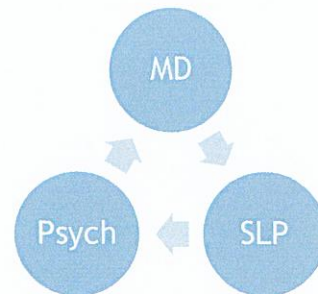




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ASD in Arkansas

- ASD: A medical diagnosis defined in the DSM-V and characterized by varying degrees of difficulty with social interactions, communication, and the presence of repetitive behavior and/or restricted interests
- 1 in 59 identified people nation-wide
- 1 in 77 identified people in Arkansas
- ASD diagnosis requires three parts:
 - Physician's assessment and official diagnosis
 - Speech-language pathologist's assessment
 - Psychologist's assessment
- In addition to the three tier diagnosis, autism-specific testing is recommended.

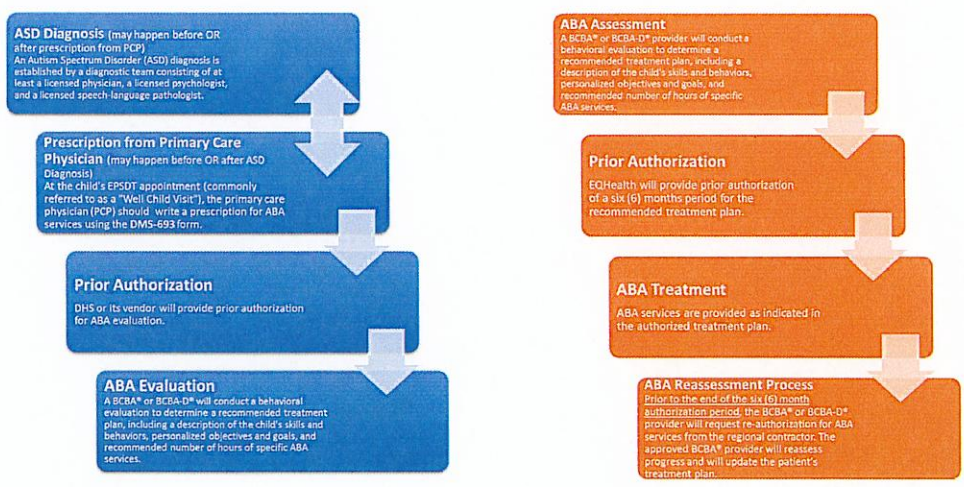


EPSDT Autism Program Eligibility

- Must have an official ASD diagnosis
- Must be receiving AR Medicaid
- Must have had a recent EPSDT visit and received a prescription for ABA services from the PCP
- Cannot be receive ABA through EPSDT program and the Autism Waiver



Prior Authorization Process



Coverage and EPSDT Autism Program Codes

- Psychological Evaluation: ASD specific testing
- ABA Evaluation: for individual evaluations and treatment planning. Needs PA every 6 months
- Individual Treatment: most hours will be provided through these codes
- Group Treatment: for generalization of skills learned in individual sessions
- Family Treatment: for education and training of family members to encourage carry-over at home



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