



Autism Application: ADOS-2 Initial Evaluation

**Purpose:** The purpose of this job aid is to assist Community Mental Health (CMH), Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) workers with understanding ADOS-2 overall cutoff scores and the correlating classification for entry into the WSA system.

**Module 1**

Module 1 Overall Total cutoff scores		
	FEW TO NO WORDS	SOME WORDS
Autism	16	12
Autism Spectrum	11	8

Assign the ADOS-2 Classification:	
Autism	Overall Total is equal to or greater than the autism cutoff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few to No Words-Overall Total is 16 or higher</li> <li>Some Words-Overall total is 12 or higher</li> </ul>
Autism Spectrum	Overall Total is equal to or greater than the autism spectrum cutoff, but less than the autism cutoff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few to No Words-Overall Total is 11 to 15</li> <li>Some Words-Overall Total is 8 to 11</li> </ul>
Non-spectrum	Overall Total is less than the autism spectrum cutoff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few to No Words-Overall Total is 10 or lower</li> <li>Some Words-Overall Total is 7 or lower</li> </ul>

**Module 2**

Module 2 Overall Total cutoff scores		
	YOUNGER THAN 5 YEARS	AGE 5 YEARS OR OLDER
Autism	10	9
Autism Spectrum	7	8



Assign the ADOS-2 Classification:	
Autism	Overall Total is equal to or greater than the autism cutoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger than 5 Years-Overall Total is 10 or higher</li> <li>• Age 5 Years or Older-Overall total is 9 or higher</li> </ul>
Autism Spectrum	Overall Total is equal to or greater than the autism spectrum cutoff, but less than the autism cutoff:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger than 5 Years-Overall Total is 7 to 9</li> <li>• Age 5 Years or Older-Overall total is 8</li> </ul>
Non-spectrum	Overall Total is less than the autism spectrum cutoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger than 5 Years-Overall Total is 6 or lower</li> <li>• Age 5 Years or Older-Overall total is 7 or lower</li> </ul>

**Module 3**

Module 3 Overall Total cutoff scores	
Autism	9
Autism Spectrum	7

Assign the ADOS-2 Classification	
Autism	Overall Total is equal to or greater than the autism cutoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Total is 9 or higher</li> </ul>
Autism Spectrum	Overall Total is equal to or greater than the autism spectrum cutoff, but less than the autism cutoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Total is 7 or 8</li> </ul>
Non-spectrum	Overall Total is less than the autism spectrum cutoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Total is 6 or lower</li> </ul>



**Toddler Module**

Toddler Module Overall Total cutoff scores		
	ALL YOUNGER/OLDER WITH FEW TO NO WORDS	OLDER WITH SOME WORDS
Moderate-to-Severe Concern	14 or higher	12 or higher
Mild-to-Moderate Concern	10 to 13	8 to 11
Little-to-No Concern	1 to 9	0 to 7

\*Moderate-to-Severe Concern should be classified as autism in the WSA and Mild-to-Moderate Concern should be classified as autism spectrum