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

Module 2

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



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

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



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Module 4

Module 4 Overall Total cutoff scores			
	COMMUNICATION	SOCIAL INTERACTION	COMMUNICATION + SOCIAL INTERACTION
Autism	3	6	10
Autism Spectrum	2	4	7

Assign the ADOS-2 Classification	
Autism	<p>All three totals (Communication, Social Interaction, and combined Communication + Social Interaction) are equal to or greater than the three separate corresponding <i>autism</i> cutoffs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the following are true: Communication Total is 3 or higher AND Social Interaction Total is 6 or higher AND Communication + Social Interaction Total is 10 or higher
Autism Spectrum	<p>All three totals (Communication, Social Interaction, and combined Communication + Social Interaction) are equal to or greater than the three separate corresponding <i>autism spectrum</i> cutoffs, but at least one is less than its corresponding <i>autism</i> cutoff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the following are true: Communication Total is 2 or higher AND Social Interaction Total is 4 or higher AND Communication + Social Interaction Total is 7 or higher <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one of the following is also true: Communication Total is 2; Social Interaction Total is 4 or 5; Communication + Social Interaction Total is 7 to 9
Non-spectrum	<p>Any one of the three totals (Communication Total, Social Interaction Total, combined Communication + Social Interaction Total) is less than the <i>autism spectrum</i> cutoff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one of the following is true: Communication Total is 1 or lower; Social Interaction Total is 3 or lower; Communication + Social Interaction Total is 6 or lower



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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	0 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