

Health/Mental Health Providers: How do I refer for autism/other intellectual/developmental disability eligibility assessment?

Services for children with autism spectrum disorder:

- All children with a diagnosis of Autism spectrum disorder and meeting eligibility criteria can access an array of services including behavioral health treatment (applied behavior analysis), pharmacy care, psychiatric care, psychological care and therapeutic care (speech, occupational therapy) depending on their individual need.
- Medically necessary services covered up to 18 (commercial insured) or 21 (Medicaid insured).
- Steps to determine eligibility/specific service plan – Medicaid-insured children:

The primary care provider:

- Screens for Autism Spectrum and completes a comprehensive medical examination.
- Refers children with positive screening to the [Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan](#)
- **The Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan:**
 - Contacts family to schedule a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation by a qualified licensed practitioner to confirm diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, determine symptom severity and establish medical necessity.

The qualified licensed practitioner:

- Refers (if appropriate) the child/family for behavioral assessment and treatment planning.

For additional information: www.michigan.gov/autism

For a listing of Medicaid service providers: go to www.michigan.gov/autism then click on Medicaid Autism Behavioral Health/Applied Behavior Analysis Services, then click on Map and Contact Information.

For additional information on children covered by commercial insurers, contact the insurance provider behavioral health services.

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Services for Intellectual and/or other Developmental Disability:

If the primary care provider has concerns about intellectual or other developmental disability:

- For all children covered by Medicaid (regardless of age): contact the Prepaid Inpatient Health plan. The [PIHP](#) will assist the family with assessment and treatment/services as needed.
- For all children covered by commercial insurance (regardless of age): contact the insurance provider behavioral health services.
- For children 0-3 years old, contact [Early On](#) to refer for assessment and intervention as needed. Early On will provide services for infants/toddlers and assist with transition to ongoing educational supports.