WHAT IS APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)?

ABA is an intensive, behaviorally based treatment that uses various techniques to bring about meaningful and positive changes in the communication, social interaction, and repetitive/restrictive behaviors that are typical of ASD. Each child has an individualized Intervention Plan that breaks down desired skills into manageable steps. Each ABA plan is designed for the individual needs of the child and will include an average of 5 to 25 hours of direct interventions per week depending on medical necessity. These services are intensive and can be provided either in the home or in a clinic. ABA interventions involve parent/guardian training and participation.

AUTISM PROVIDERS

Acorn Health
Attendant Care
Behavior Frontiers
Centria Healthcare
Chitter Chatter
Gateway Pediatric Therapy
HealthCall
MetroEHS Pediatric Therapy
Merakey Inc.
Open Door Living Association, Inc.
Patterns Behavioral Services
Positive Behavior Supports, Inc.
The Guidance Center
Total Spectrum
Zelexa Therapy

MORE INFORMATION:

ACCESS Call Center: (800) 241 - 4949
Customer Service: (313) 833 - 3232
707 W. Milwaukee
Detroit, MI 48202
dwhhn.org

Scan the QR Code for Additional Information on the ABA Benefit:
To receive ABA services in Wayne County the person must go through a screening process by their Primary Care Physician.

**WHAT IS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)?**

ASD is a neurodevelopmental disorder. Scientists do not know yet what causes ASD, which can impact a person in different ways. People may have problems with social, behavioral, and communication skills and with ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to things. It begins during early childhood and lasts throughout a person’s lifetime.

**HOW DO I ACCESS SERVICES**

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**WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?**

The State of Michigan offers ABA Services to individuals who:

- Are younger than 21 years of age
- Are Medicaid Eligible
- Have Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Meets Medical Necessity

**STEPS TO GET STARTED**

**Step 1: ACCESS Call Center**
- Contact ACCESS to complete a CMH screening process to be scheduled for either a support coordination (SC) or case management (CM). ACCESS will provide information on obtaining a referral from the child's physician for a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation.

**Step 2: SC/CM Appointment**
- Completes Person-Center Planning Process to develop the Individualized Plan of Service (IPOS) that will establish goals the individual will focus on during service delivery.

**Step 3: Physician Referral**
- To access the Medicaid Autism Benefit for further evaluation, the physician should provide date of the last full medical and physical exam as well as the results of a validated ASD Screening Tool. The completed referral will be sent to DWIHN ACCESS Call Center.

**Step 4: ACCESS Call Center**
- ACCESS will contact individual after obtaining a complete Physician referral to schedule a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation for rule out of autism.

**Step 5: Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation Appointment**
- Individual will complete a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation to determine eligibility for the Autism Benefit. If approved for the ASD Benefit, family chooses an ABA provider from DWIHN provider network & schedules an appointment for a Behavioral Assessment to develop an Individualized Treatment Plan.

**Step 6: Behavioral Assessment Appointment**
- Individual will complete the Behavioral Assessment with the chosen ABA provider which will be developed an Individualized Treatment Plan.

**Step 7: Start ABA Therapy Services**
- Once the Behavioral Assessment & treatment plan are approved and incorporated into the individual’s IPOS, then ABA therapy will be requested to start on the date determined by the family and providers. This process can take up to 90-calendar days from the ASD Benefit approval before 1:1 ABA services begin.