



Autism Evaluation Packet

Welcome,

Your provider recommended an autism evaluation for your child. Please visit Autism Speaks (www.autismspeaks.org) and Autism Alliance of Michigan (www.autismallianceofmichigan.org) to learn about autism, and find support, and resources.

This packet includes information on how to schedule an autism evaluation. There is a typical wait time for the evaluation and can take up to 6 months depending on the location.

1. Please contact your insurance company (UNLESS YOU HAVE MEDICAID) to understand your benefits and out-of-pocket costs. See enclosed "A Guide for Talking with Your Insurance Representative".
2. Enclose is a list of Autism Evaluation Centers in the area. Your insurance can also provide in-network options. We recommend calling at least 3-4 autism centers to get on the waitlist.
3. If you have MEDICAID INSURANCE, call your county's Community Mental Health Intake phone number, and ask for an autism evaluation for your child.
 - Wayne County: 800-241-4949
 - Washtenaw County: 734-544-3050
 - Jackson County: 517-789-1200
 - Ingham Counties: 800-372-8460
 - Monroe County: 734-243-7340
 - Hillsdale County: 517-789-1200
 - Livingston County: 517-546-4126
 - Oakland County: 800-231-1127
 - Lenawee County: 517-263-8905
 - Macomb County: 586-307-9100
4. Start services through Early On or your local school district. If your child is younger than the age of 3, submit an online referral at www.1800earlyon.org or call 800-EARLY-ON. If your child is age 3 and up, contact your local school district or your Intermediate school district and submit a written request for special education evaluation. A Sample letter can be found at www.studentadvocacycenter.org/create-a-letter.
5. Your child may have been referred for speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and/or audiology. While waiting for your child's autism evaluation, please schedule these appointments. Contact the office with any concerns regarding these referrals.

If you have any questions or difficulty scheduling an appointment, please do not hesitate to call and ask to speak with the Nurse Care Manager at your pediatric office.

A Guide for Talking with Your Insurance Representative

How do I prepare for the call?

- ☐ Use this resource to guide your conversation with the insurance representative. When making the call, be in a quiet setting where you will not be interrupted by others and can record the insurance representative's responses to you in writing. You may want to have another person with you to clarify what you are told. It is best to call during normal business hours. Plan for 30-45 minutes so that you will have plenty of time to get your questions answered. Once the call is complete, share the information with another person to deepen your understanding of your insurance benefit.

Whom do I call?

- ☐ Call the customer/member services number on the insurance card. Immediately ask to be connected to the behavioral health/mental health/substance abuse division of the company, as staff in these divisions are the only individuals trained to respond to autism issues.

What do I say?

- ☐ "My doctor told me my child may have autism and that our health insurance may cover services for children with autism. Can you give me information about what is covered for autism or connect me to someone who knows about your autism benefits?"
 - ☐ The representative **is not able** to give you information about autism:
 - ☐ "Please provide me with the direct telephone number and the person or department I should be speaking with." If you don't get an acceptable response, say, "Please connect me with your immediate supervisor."
 - ☐ The representative **is able** to give you information about autism:
 - ☐ "Does my policy cover evaluation and services for children with autism?"
 - ☐ If the response is "**No**", Ask:
 - ☐ "What services do you cover for children with (other) disabilities?"
 - ☐ "Is outpatient speech and language, occupational, and/or physical therapy covered?"
 - ☐ If the response is "**Yes**", Ask:
 - Evaluation Questions**
 - ☐ "What types of evaluations are covered?"
 - ☐ "Can my physician prescribe therapy for my child, or is a diagnosis from an Autism Evaluation Center (AEC) required?"
 - ☐ "If an evaluation from an AEC is required, what centers are in my network?"
 - ☐ "Is the involvement of a speech and language therapist, an occupational therapist, and/or a physical therapist a covered benefit as part of the autism evaluation/ diagnostic process?"
 - Treatment, Services, and Care Questions**
 - ☐ "What other treatment, services, and care are covered?"
 - ☐ "What ages are covered?"
 - ☐ "Is ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) covered?"
 - ☐ "Do you cover outpatient speech and language, occupational, social work, or physical therapies?"
 - ☐ "What do I need to do to receive this therapeutic care?"
 - ☐ "If my child qualifies for therapy services, what providers are in my network in my area?"
 - ☐ "Does my policy have a deductible?" "Are there co-pays?" "How much would I have to pay for the therapies?" "Is there a defined limit on service?"
 - ☐ "What behavioral health treatments are covered?" "Is a neuropsychologist a covered benefit?"
 - ☐ "Please provide me with your name and the telephone number of your direct line."
 - ☐ "Please send me a description of my benefits in writing and/or direct me to the site on your website."
 - ☐ "Thank-you for your assistance today. Your information provided to me has been helpful."

Pediatric Autism Evaluation Centers

Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network

313-224-7000 or 800-241-4949

Medicaid insurance only

Washtenaw Community Mental Health

2140 E Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 734-544-3050

Medicaid insurance only

Livingston Community Mental Health

517-546-4126

Medicaid insurance only

Beaumont Health Center for Exceptional Families

18501 Rotunda Dr Ste 200, Dearborn 313-996-1960

beaumont.org/locations/center-for-exceptional-families

University Center for the Child and Family (UCCF)

500 E Washington St, Ann Arbor 734-764-9466

mari.umich.edu/uccf

UM Michigan Medicine

1540 E Hospital Dr Floor 5/6, Ann Arbor 734-232-7513

4250 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 734-764-0231

[www.mottchildren.org/conditions-](http://www.mottchildren.org/conditions-treatments/autism-spectrum-disorders)

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University Pediatricians Autism Center

21600 Novi Rd Ste 800, Novi 248-305-6172

4501 Woodward Ave Ste 101, Detroit 248-305-6172

universitypediatricians.org

Beaumont Children's Hospital Center for Human Development

30503 Greenfield Rd, Southfield 248-691-4744

www.beaumont.org/services/childrens/childhood-development-disorders

Henry Ford Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

1 Ford Place Pediatric Admin 4B, Detroit

313-916-4665

www.henryford.com/services/autism

The Children's Center

79 W Alexandrine St, Detroit 313-831-5535

www.thechildrenscenter.com

Sunfield Center for Autism, ADHD, and Behavioral Health

300 N Fifth Ave Ste 210, Ann Arbor, MI 734-222-9277

www.sunfieldcenter.com

The Ann Arbor Center for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

3031 Miller Rd, Ann Arbor 734-997-9088

www.aacenter.org/home.html

Easterseals Michigan

2399 E Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills 248-475-6400

www.easterseals.com/michigan/our-programs/autism

Hope Network Center for Autism

2875 Eyde Pkwy, East Lansing

14680 Newburgh Rd, Livonia

844-969-0252

hopenetwork.org/autism

This resource list is offered to assist patients in locating community services. It is not a complete listing of agencies that may offer services. Document revisions are made periodically, but information may be outdated or change at any time after posting. Please contact the agency to verify services. Trinity Health - IHA Medical Group does not endorse any agency or service listed in this directory.

Thank you. Last updated August 2022.

www.IHAcares.com

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For Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial members

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Finding approved autism evaluation centers

A comprehensive assessment at an approved autism evaluation center is used to make or confirm a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder for a member for applied behavior analysis treatment to be covered.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network continue to build a network of approved autism evaluation centers from qualified facilities. The autism evaluation centers listed in the table below have been approved by Blue Cross and BCN. These centers:

- Meet criteria developed in partnership with the Michigan behavioral health care provider community
- Have shown a comprehensive approach to the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder that leads to the most accurate diagnoses available

For more information about autism benefits and applied behavior analysis, visit bcbsm.com/autismfaq. You can also call the number on the back of your Blue Cross or BCN ID card.

Important! For the most current contact information for the providers listed in the table below, check with these centers directly and confirm location details when scheduling.

Center	Location and telephone number	
Acorn Health	Gaylord area: 940 N. Center Ave. Gaylord, MI 49735 Phone: (844) 244-1818	Note: This center is accepting new referrals, effective July 1, 2022.
	Grand Rapids area: 1000 E. Paris SE, Suite 160 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Phone: (844) 244-1818	Note: This center is accepting new referrals, effective July 1, 2022.
	Traverse City area: 1363 Douglas Dr., Suite 104 Traverse City, MI 49696 Phone: (844) 244-1818	Note: This center is accepting new referrals, effective July 1, 2022.

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Beaumont Children's Center for Exceptional Families	18501 Rotunda Dr. Dearborn, MI 48124 Phone: (313) 996-1960	
Beaumont Center for Human Development	30503 Greenfield Rd. Southfield, MI 48076 Phone: (248) 691-4744	
BRAINS	3292 N. Evergreen Dr. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 Phone: (616) 365-8920	Note: This center is accepting new referrals, effective July 1, 2022.
Central Autism Assessment & Treatment Center (Central Michigan University)	1101 Health Professions Bldg. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859 Phone: (989) 774-3904	Note: This center is not accepting new referrals, effective June 1, 2022.
Covenant HealthCare Center for Autism	2919 E. Wilder Rd. Bay City, MI 48706 Phone: (989) 671-5738	
Easterseals Michigan	Southeast Michigan: 2399 E. Walton Blvd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326 Phone: (248) 475-6400	
	Grand Rapids area: 4065 East Hills Court SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Phone: (616) 942-2081	
Helen DeVos Behavioral Health Clinic – Spectrum Health	35 Michigan St., Suite 5201 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone: (616) 267-2830	
Henry Ford Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities	1 Ford Place Pediatric Admin, 4B Detroit, MI 48202 Phone: (313) 972-9009	
Hope Network Center for Autism	2875 Eyde Parkway 1st Floor East Lansing, MI 48823 Phone: (844) 969-0252	

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Center	Location and telephone number	
Mary Free Bed Kids – Autism Spectrum Disorder Program	235 Wealthy Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone: (616) 840-8807 Fax: (616) 840-9684	Note: This center is not accepting new referrals, effective June 1, 2022.
Michigan Medicine (formerly University of Michigan Health System)	<p>For patients 5 years of age and younger: Mott Autism Collaborative – Multidisciplinary Developmental Evaluation Clinic (M-DEC) 1540 E. Hospital Drive – Floor 5, Reception B Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Phone: (734) 232-7513</p> <p>For patients 6 years to 10 years of age (on or before the 10th birthday): Mott Autism Collaborative – Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic 1540 E. Hospital Drive – Floor 6, Reception C Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Phone: (734) 232-7513</p> <p>For patients 18 months through 17 years, 11 months of age (before the 18th birthday): Multidisciplinary Autistic Spectrum Disorders Clinic (Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) 4250 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Phone: (734) 764-0231</p>	
MyMichigan Health Pediatric Center for Rehabilitation and Behavioral Health (formerly MidMichigan Health)	32 S. Homer Rd. Midland, MI 48640 Phone: (989) 492-7766 Fax: (989) 495-0532	
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services	300 68th Street SE P.O. Box 165 Grand Rapids, MI 49548 Phone: (616) 258-7500	
University Center for the Child and Family (University of Michigan)	500 East Washington St., Suite 100 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 Phone: (734) 764-9466	

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Center	Location and telephone number
University Pediatricians Autism Center	21600 Novi Rd. Suite 800 Novi, MI 48377 Phone: (248) 305-6172
UP Health System – Marquette – Developmental Assessment Clinic	580 W. College Ave. Marquette, MI 49855 Phone: (906) 225-4778
WMed Pediatric Autism Center	1000 Oakland Drive 2nd Floor Kalamazoo, MI 49008 Phone: (269) 337-6400 Fax: (269) 337-6428

Finding licensed behavior analysts

If you meet the requirements for receiving ABA, you must obtain that treatment from a licensed behavior analyst.* The analyst must obtain approval from Blue Cross or BCN before providing those services, for your treatment to be eligible for coverage.

Note: In addition, the licensed behavior analyst* must be a provider for your health plan.

The names of behavior analysts are available in the provider search at **bcbsm.com**. To access those names, complete the following steps:

1. Visit **bcbsm.com**.
2. Click *Find a Doctor*.
3. Click Search without logging in (under the green Get Started button).
4. Click *Choose a location*.
5. Enter the location where you want to receive treatment.
6. Click *Yes, this is correct*.
7. Click *Doctors by specialty*.
8. In the search field, type “ABA Therapy.”
9. Click the search icon.
10. In the search results, locate a behavior analyst.
11. Click the behavior analyst’s name and review the information.

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Note: In the Board Certifications field, you'll see "No information available." This means that the search does not display board certification data for nonphysician practitioners such as behavior analysts.

BOARD CERTIFICATION

No information available

You can be sure that **all** behavior analysts who appear in the search results are licensed.

12. Click the link in the *Plans Accepted* field and confirm that the behavior analyst accepts your plan.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Customer Service number on the back of your Blue Cross or BCN ID card.

For more information about autism benefits, visit bcbsm.com/autismfaq.

*Effective Jan. 7, 2020, behavior analysts must be licensed by the state of Michigan to be reimbursed by Blue Cross or BCN.