



Webinars: Register Now for Texas Medicaid Autism Services Policy

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) is sharing information from Health and Human Services (HHSC)

What is New

HHSC will provide BCBSTX with information on aspects of the [Autism Services benefit](#), such as systems updates and Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA) enrollment updates to help prepare for implementation of this benefit.

Effective for dates of services on or after February 1, 2022, Autism Services, to include Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) evaluation and treatment, will be a benefit of the Texas Health Steps-Comprehensive Care Program (THSteps-CCP). The requirements are as follows:

- Texas Medicaid recipients are 20 years of age and younger
- Meet the criteria outlined in the Autism Service benefit
- BCBSTX reimbursement is on a non-risk basis for provision of the services
- Providers are expected to follow all aspects of the medical policy, including prior authorization criteria

Register for Webinars

[Medicaid Autism Services Webinars](#)

The Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) is hosting a **three-part Texas Medicaid Autisms Services webinar series**. Providers should register for all three sessions. Please see below:

November 2, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to [register](#). The **first webinar** will cover:

- Autism Services Policy as a benefit in Texas Medicaid
- Existing array of services for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Applied behavior analysis (ABA) in accordance with the Texas Medicaid Autism Services
- Policy and the medical necessity for ABA services
- Guidelines and components of the comprehensive diagnostic evaluation needed prior to requesting services
- Treatment planning, caregiver involvement, and other requirements for providing ABA
- treatment services as a Texas Medicaid benefit.

November 4, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to [register](#). The **second webinar** will cover:

- Frequency and duration guidelines for ABA services
- Procedures for initiation of ABA treatment and 90-day extensions
- Documentation requirements for prior authorization of the initiation of ABA treatment, 90-day extension, and recertification
- Criteria for re-evaluation, discharge, or discontinuation

The first two webinars will include a live presentation and question-and-answer (Q&A) session. Participants will be able to submit questions throughout the webinars.

January 25, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to [register](#). The **third webinar** will cover:

- Live Question and Answer Session: Providers will receive answers related to the Texas Medicaid Autism Services Policy



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Resources

[Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual TMPPM](#)

[Autism Services Policy](#)

Questions

For questions or additional information, please:

- Contact TMHP Center at 1-800-925-9126 or [website](#)
- Contact your BCBSTX Medicaid Network team at 1-855-212-1615 or
- Submit via email [Texas Medicaid Network Department](#)