

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services are now a benefit for Medicaid Members!

STAR and STAR Kids Members that are 20 years of age or younger who are diagnosed with Autism within the last 3 years and meet criteria for medical necessity are now eligible to receive ABA services!

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What is ABA?

ABA is a type of therapy that focuses on behavior and learning. The intent of ABA is to find out why a child behaves the way they do. Therapy focuses on ways to encourage the helpful behaviors and to address the behavioral challenges of the child. ABA therapy can help to improve specific behaviors and increase skills in the following areas:

- Communication
- Language
- Social skills



Who can get ABA services?

STAR and STAR Kids Members who are 20 years of age or younger with a comprehensive diagnosis of Autism within the last 3 years may qualify to receive ABA services as part of their Medicaid benefits. If it has been more than 3 years since your diagnosis, your provider will need to complete a reassessment. A diagnosis of Autism alone does not guarantee coverage of this service. Certain criteria for medical necessity must be met per policy.



How can I get these services? What is required?

ABA services must be medically necessary to treat, correct or improve the Member's condition. A diagnosis alone is not enough documentation to support the medical necessity of ABA. Parent participation is key to the success of the ABA therapy. Parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to participate in ABA therapy and apply ABA methods in the home as instructed by the Provider.



How can I find an in-network provider?

Please visit our website at cookchp.org to find a participating provider. Our Member Services representatives are also available to help you. Please call us at one of the following numbers for help with finding a provider or if you have any other questions.

STAR 1-800-964-2247

STAR Kids 1-844-843-0004

