



**Georgia Medicaid Services: Adaptive Behavioral Services
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Georgia's Medicaid program provides coverage for adaptive behavioral services (ABS) for individuals under age 21 with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Pursuant to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, coverage is provided for an array of assessment and treatment services according to severity and based on medical necessity.

Members must have a documented DSM-V diagnosis of ASD from a licensed physician or psychologist or other licensed professional as designated by the Medical Composite Board in order to perform a behavioral assessment and develop a resulting Plan of Care to be eligible for ABS.

How do I receive early intervention services for my child?

The Georgia Department of Public Health's Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program provides evaluation, assessment and treatment services to children from birth to three years of age who are determined eligible for the program. BCW has approved Sindy Victor, MS, BCBA, LBA as a contract provider.

What is the process of receiving autism services?

Once your child receives an ASD diagnosis, an enrolled and qualified health care professional (QHCP) for ABA services must request prior approval (PA) to perform a behavioral assessment. A separate PA is required for ABS treatment according to the Plan of Care. A follow-up assessment must be completed every six months thereafter for the child to continue to receive services.

Who can diagnose a child with ASD?

A licensed physician, psychologist, or other licensed professional as designated by the Medical Composite Board in order to perform a behavioral assessment and develop a resulting Plan of Care may diagnose a child with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in accordance with the DSM-V for the child to be eligible for adaptive behavior services.



Who will provide adaptive behavioral services on an ongoing basis?

A Board Certified Behavioral Analyst will provide autism therapy services accompanied by a team of qualified behavior technicians.

What services are available?

- The services that are available to individuals with ASD include the following adaptive behavior services:
- Initial and follow-up assessments
- Adaptive behavior treatment including social skills group

What are my finance options?

At Swarthy Lion we value quality, effective, and accessible care, which is why we participate in Georgia Medicaid. If a child qualifies for Medicaid and the plan covers ABA therapy, there typically will not be out-of-pocket costs.

In the event that the child does not have Medicaid or any other type of health insurance coverage we accept out-of-pocket payments. See our Fee for Services list by visiting: www.swarthylion.com/abatherapy >select: “Out-of-Pocket Payments” button to see a breakdown of fees.

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