

Potential Signs of Autism

Developmental:

- Loss/regression of previously attained skills at any age.

Social:

- Limited or no eye contact.
- Prefers playing by themselves.
- Limited physical contact with others.
- Displays minimal facial expressions.
- Struggles making/keeping friends.

Communication:

- Delayed speech and language skills.
- Repeating words or phrases (Echolalia).
- Uses minimal or no gestures.
- Does not respond to own name.
- Loss of previous acquired language.

Behavioral:

- Prefers routines, order, and rituals.
- Sensory sensitivity/de-sensitivity.
- Repetitive behaviors.
- Obsessing over certain toys/objects.

This list is not comprehensive. To determine if your child meets criteria for autism, please call 989-463-4971 and speak to our Access Department regarding your concerns.



Hours of Service

Monday and Wednesday

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Services Available

24/7

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Autism Benefit




Program Goals



The goal of GIHN autism spectrum services is to provide goal-oriented and individualized services that focus on increasing independence and self-sufficiency for the persons served through assessment, psychological testing, applied behavior analysis programming, coordination, and monitoring activities.

Medicaid Recipients Process for Autism Testing

-  If you suspect your child/young adult may have Autism, please call GIHN's Access Department at 989-463-4971 to schedule an initial intake assessment.
-  After the initial intake assessment, you and your child/young adult will be assigned to meet with a GIHN Case Manager, who will help coordinate services for Autism Testing with the Autism Assessor.
-  The Autism Assessor will require a minimum of two appointments to complete Autism Testing.
 - The first appointment will be with the parent/guardian. Please allow two hours for this appointment.
 - The second appointment will be with your child/young adult. If required, a parent/guardian may have to be in the room with the child and assessor.
-  Once testing is completed, the Autism Assessor will then schedule a time to meet with the family and go over the results.
-  If the child/young adult is placed on the Medicaid Autism Benefit, the family will meet with GIHN Case Manager and begin talking about the various ABA providers.

What is ABA?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) service is an evidenced based therapy that is widely recognized as the most effective therapy for autism. ABA services commonly address areas including, but not limited to, the following:

- Language Skills
- Social Skills
- Communication Skills
- Following Instructions
- Peer Interactions
- Following Daily Routines
- Self-help and daily living skills
- Behavior Challenges

Coverage of ABA Therapy is provided for Medicaid eligible children under the age of 21 who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder who meet medical necessity criteria, ABA Therapy is a Medicaid covered service.

