

Medicaid Changes

Information regarding the January 1, 2018 Georgia Medicaid changes.

What parents should know:

As of January 1, 2018 Georgia's Medicaid Program has started to provide coverage for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services for members under the age of 21.

How to qualify for autism services under Medicaid:

1. Your child must have Georgia Medicaid.
2. Your child must have a diagnosis of autism, Rett's syndrome, Asperger's, pervasive developmental disorders or other childhood disintegrative disorders that include a severity level (1-3). The diagnosis must be provided by a licensed physician, psychologist or other licensed professional based on the DSM-5 criteria.
3. The service your child needs will need to be authorized by Medicaid before services can start.

How to ensure your child is covered & authorized for services:

To ensure your child is covered, you will need to reach out to the provider who diagnosed your child to obtain a copy of the full diagnostic/psychological evaluation report, including the severity level. This document is required to obtain services.

What to do if you have a diagnosis, but no severity level:

Option 1: Reach back out to your diagnosing provider and ask them to add a level to your child's diagnostic report.

Option 2: Contact a community provider to ask for an appointment with a qualified provider to receive a level for autism coverage.