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## Effective 2/1/2022 Applied Behavior Analysis Service

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### What is New

**Effective February 1, 2022**, autism services are a benefit of the Texas Health Steps-Comprehensive Care Program (THSteps-CCP) for Medicaid clients who are 20 years of age or younger, and who meet criteria outlined in the [Texas Medicaid Autism Services Policy](#). **Highlights** of this policy are shown in our [Applied Behavioral Analysis for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#).

### What are the Services

The Medicaid Autism Services Policy includes coverage of medically necessary applied behavior analysis (ABA) services for individuals with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and providers, for coordination of the following services:

- ABA initial evaluation
- Re-evaluation
- Individual treatment
- Group treatment
- Parent/caregiver/family education and training
- Interdisciplinary team meetings.

### Who is Eligible for Services

Medicaid managed care members in STAR and STAR Kids, who are under the age of 21 with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are eligible for these services, if medically necessary.

**Disclaimer: Interdisciplinary provider must attach the attendance form to the submitted claim to receive payment.**

### Questions

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at **1-800-925-9126**.