

# TRICARE ABA Benefits Overview

	Old Programs			New Program
APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) PROGRAM COMPARISON	ECHO Autism Demonstration for Active Duty Family Members <sup>1</sup>	TRICARE Basic ABA for all Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup>	ABA Pilot for Non-Active Duty Family Members <sup>3</sup>	Autism Care Demonstration (ACD) (July 25, 2014 – December 31, 2018) for all beneficiaries
<b>Diagnosis Requirement</b>	TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote: Primary care provider  TRICARE Standard: Physician primary care provider or Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider	Primary-care Provider or Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider	Physician Primary-care Provider (P-PCM) or Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider	P-PCM or Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider
<b>Referral Required</b>	Yes - Diagnosing Provider	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes - Diagnosing Provider	Yes - Diagnosing Provider
<b>Age/Duration Limits</b>	Min age: 18 months	Not specified	Min age: 18 months	Min age: 18 months
<b>Provider Type</b>	Tiered Delivery Model: BCBA/BCBA-Ds and BCaBAs <sup>5</sup> Supervised Tutors <sup>6</sup>	Sole Provider Model: BCBA/BCBA-Ds only <sup>6</sup>	Tiered Delivery Model: BCBA/BCBA-Ds <sup>5</sup> Supervised BCaBAs and Tutors <sup>6</sup>	Sole Provider and Tiered Delivery Models: BCBA/BCBA-Ds <sup>5</sup> Supervised BCaBAs and Behavior Technicians <sup>6</sup>
<b>Clinical Appropriateness Review</b>	No	No	Yes, annually; waiver required after 2 years	Yes, every 2 years (no waiver process required)
<b>Prior Authorization from MCSC</b>	Yes- every 6 months	No	Yes- Annually	Yes- Annually
<b>Test Requirements</b>	Not required, but testing is recommended	None	Yes-Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) and the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale (Vineland – II)	ADOS-2 is not required unless initial diagnosis is made by a P-PCM (1 year grace period to obtain testing or evaluation by a Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider)
<b>Progress Assessment</b>	Yes, every 6 months (no specific test required)	None	Yes, every 6 months (Vineland-II)	Yes, every 6 months (BCBA/BCBA-D may select own tool)
<b>Treatment Plan Requirements</b>	Yes, but not required to authorize initial service. Progress report required every 6 months for continued authorization	Not specified	Yes, required updates every 6 months and annual review for continued authorization	Yes, required updates every 6 months and annual review for continued authorization
<b>TRICARE Cap on Reimbursement</b>	\$36K per year	None	\$36K per year	None
<b>Beneficiary Costs</b>	ECHO monthly enrollment fee based on pay grade	Out of pocket costs based on TRICARE option (Prime, Standard, Extra)	10% cost-share	See ACD cost-share chart below

1. ECHO Autism Demonstration -- Since 2008 per Section 717 NDAA FY 2007.
2. ABA under TRICARE Basic – Court ordered on July 26, 2012; order lifted June 5, 2013.
3. ABA Pilot for Non-Active Duty Family Members – One Year Pilot per Section 705 NDAA FY2013.
4. Usual referral process bypassed to comply with court order: Lifted June 5, 2013.
5. Can bill TRICARE directly.
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New Program	Autism Care Demonstration (ACD) - Cost-Share			
	Active Duty Family Members	Non-Active Duty Family Members: TRICARE Reserve Select Family Members in Standard/Extra	Non-Active Duty Family Members: Retiree Family Members and TRICARE Retired Reserve Family Members in Standard/Extra	Non-Active Duty Family Members: Retiree Family Members In Prime
<b>BCBA/BCBA-D services<sup>7</sup></b>	TRICARE Prime: \$0	N/A	N/A	TRICARE Prime: \$12 co-pay
	TRICARE Standard: 20% cost-share	TRICARE Standard: 20% cost-share	TRICARE Standard: 25% cost-share	N/A
	TRICARE Extra: 15% cost-share	TRICARE Extra: 15% cost-share	TRICARE Extra: 20% cost-share	
<b>Annual Catastrophic Cap for all TRICARE medical benefits</b>	\$1000	\$1000	\$3000	\$3000
<b>Supervised BCaBA/ Behavior Technician services<sup>8</sup></b>	ECHO monthly enrollment fee based on pay grade	10% cost-share	10% cost-share	10% cost-share

7. Initial assessment & treatment plan development, reassessment & treatment plan updates, parent/caregiver training, and direct one-on-one intervention with beneficiary counts toward annual catastrophic cap.
8. Direct one-on-one interventions with beneficiary and BCBA/BCBA-D supervised field work do not count toward annual catastrophic cap.