



Iowa Department of Human Services

Iowa DHS Autism Services

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Autism Services

- Funding is provided for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for children with Autism in Iowa through
 - Medicaid
 - General Funds
- ABA is a scientifically validated approach that uses positive reinforcement and natural consequences to improve behavior and social functioning.



Medicaid Autism Services

- Magellan previously paid Medicaid reimbursement for ABA
- IME currently pays Medicaid reimbursement for ABA
- MCOs will:
 - Pay Medicaid reimbursement for ABA provided to their enrolled members that need them
 - Contract with ABA providers
 - Develop an adequate provider network

Autism Support Program (ASP)

- ASP was established in 2013 by SF 446 to fund ABA services for children with autism that are not Medicaid eligible who are:
 - Under the age of 9 at the time of application
 - Have a diagnosis of autism
 - Have family income under 400% FPL
 - Are not eligible for services through Medicaid or private insurance coverage
- ASP was designed to be very similar to Medicaid funded services



ASP Numbers Served

- Children served since the program began 21
- Children currently enrolled 19



ASP Management Transition

- Magellan previously managed the ASP
- MHDS is administering the program until it is transitioned to managed care
- MCOs will administer the ASP for their assigned members



ASP Management

- ASP Management Activities
 - Receive applications and review for eligibility
 - Enroll providers
 - Provide integrated health home services (UI Regional Autism Assistance Program)
 - Develop the provider network
 - Review service plans and authorize services
 - Process and pay claims

ASP Funding

- SFY16 Amount appropriated: \$2,000,000
 - \$1,700,000 for the ASP Fund
 - \$250,000 for the ABA grants program
 - \$25,000 for continuation of a grant to a child welfare services provider
 - \$25,000 for continuation of a grant to a hospital-based provider
- \$156,200 has been spent since the program began in SFY14

ABA Grants

- SF 505 established the BCBA and BCaBA grants program to assist with the cost of training to become:
 - Board certified behavior analyst
 - Board certified assistant behavior analyst
- IDPH is responsible for this program
 - Administrative rules are in development
 - Grants will be awarded through RFP process