Taking the lead for better autism coverage

California is taking the lead. So is Magellan.

California is among the first states to require that autism therapy be covered under the requirement by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. With years of California-specific experience, Magellan Healthcare is ready today to support Medicaid plans serving individuals with autism. Our deep, credentialed network and service area is well established — both within California and nationwide — making us uniquely positioned to address the needs of Medi-Cal plans today.

Center of Excellence

Magellan has a dedicated Autism Center of Excellence based in San Diego and supported throughout the country. This team is a multidisciplinary group of experts in the provision and management of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and is headed by a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) who oversees licensed care management staff specializing in provision and review of autism services.

To learn more about Magellan’s autism-focused programs and how they are positioned to meet the specific needs of Medi-Cal plans, contact Jay Youell, Senior Vice President, Magellan Health at dyouell@magellanhealth.com or (702) 523-9061. We look forward to helping to improve health, enhance employee satisfaction and increase overall productivity.
Expertise and experience

At Magellan Healthcare, we have extensive expertise managing Medicaid populations, and deep experience supporting Medicaid autism programs in other states.

Magellan, Knox-Keene licensed in behavioral health, can offer a deep understanding of the California Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) requirement. In fact, unlike most competitors, Magellan is able to assume risk when providing autism services.

Our highly regarded Autism Connections® program provides individuals with effective, clinically based care to improve quality of life and enhance outcomes through:
- comprehensive benefit management
- a broad specialty provider network
- enhanced care coordination
- a cutting-edge clinical system
- personal support from our autism centers of excellence

Autism Connections

Increasing prevalence, high costs and state mandate requirements make managing services for children with autism and their families more important than ever. With Autism Connections, children with autism and their families can be confident in knowing that their unique needs are in the hands of caring experts who want only the best outcomes. We combine our clinical expertise with the right care to improve health and lower costs through:

Comprehensive benefit management – Magellan provides consultation to help families optimize services that can improve a child's overall health.

Enhanced outreach and care coordination – We have a dedicated autism center of excellence that provides support to the entire care team including primary care, behavioral health providers and others who are part of the care for a child.

Specialty provider network – Our extensive network of providers within the State of California and nationwide are licensed and have years of experience in treating autism.

Autism resources – Magellan offers robust resources including online educational articles, guides, toolkits and information including community resources.

Online family support – We provide a web-based support platform available 24/7 online or mobile for families to engage with each other. This online community also offers online health coaches who can help provide additional resources.

Caregiver support

To help meet the challenges of autism, Magellan offers an industry leading caregiver solution by addressing the needs of the caregivers through a robust and engaging platform of education, support and coaching, assuring everyone receives the care they need.

Magellan’s one-of-a-kind solution:
- improves population health through addressing depression and anxiety
- lowers the impact and strain of caregiver burden and
- improves costs by decreasing ER and ambulatory utilization.

Broad range of services designed to improve quality of care and outcomes for those with ASD and their family caregiver.

For the caregiver:
- virtual care environment
- peer-reviewed, individualized and progressive content focused on improving the knowledge and understanding of the emotional impact of caring for an autism child
- self-directed learning via evidence-based clinical interventions and support

Through Autism Connections, families can receive assistance from a trusted resource that can help them navigate the complex health care system, obtain access to quality providers and receive support within their communities.