

# Magellan Autism Connections<sup>®</sup>

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) affects one in 32 children<sup>1</sup> in some states, and all have legislated ASD coverage at some level. Expectations for autism treatment, and risks inherent with any newly mandated coverage, have never been higher. Families are anxious to receive their benefits, and employers and health plans must move quickly. An increased demand for ASD treatment providers, coupled with inconsistent regulatory credentialing requirements from state to state, makes it hard to find a quality provider. Enter Magellan.

## A one-of-a-kind solution

Magellan is moving beyond traditional care by combining expertise in the care of children diagnosed with autism with targeted efforts to engage and serve caregivers on their journey—ensuring everyone impacted receives the care they need through an array of services:

- ✓ **Individualized care planning**—every child’s situation is unique. Our care coordinators work with everyone involved in the child’s treatment to develop a custom care plan that optimizes treatment and services.
- ✓ **Enhanced care coordination**—care coordinators follow the child’s treatment from beginning to end, ensuring goals are met and redirecting care as needed for the best outcomes.
- ✓ **Proprietary decision support system**—this tool, available only through Magellan, helps our coordinators stay up to date on clinical guidelines, research and treatment options throughout the child’s treatment.
- ✓ **Intensive caregiver support**—caregivers receive training, access to social support networks, and educational materials.
- ✓ **Fully credentialed provider network**—Magellan sets high standards for credentialing ASD providers. We rigorously evaluate each one to ensure we only contract with providers who fully meet all of our requirements. Our collaboration with providers in treatment planning and execution enables us to help them continuously improve quality and performance.
- ✓ **Clinical excellence**—every one of our care coordinators is certified in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). They understand the language and processes of the providers in our network, enabling them to quickly facilitate each child’s treatment. Our autism physician provides clinical expertise and supports efficient utilization management.

To learn more, please contact us at [gensales@magellanhealth.com](mailto:gensales@magellanhealth.com).

<sup>1</sup> Autism rates by state 2021. Retrieved March 26, 2021 from <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/autism-rates-by-state>

## Why Magellan?

We’re a leading choice for autism programs and have achieved impressive results for over 18 health plans and 12 million members with autism benefits and their caregivers across all lines of business.

As many as  
**80%**  
make excellent clinical progress at a cost below \$24,000 annually\*

**93%**  
of caregivers  
report service providers work well with them and their child\*

**93%**  
of families  
have learned how to use ABA techniques to help their child\*

\*Magellan internal data, 2020.