

CASE STUDY

Clinical value & cost savings through Magellan Autism Connections®

Since 2017, Magellan has managed ASD benefits for a large health plan—driving higher access to comprehensive evaluation, assuring appointment availability and appropriate service levels, and improving coordination of care and member satisfaction. Our Magellan Autism Connections® program has delivered quality services, cost savings and positive outcomes in a very short time.



Access to care—Prior to implementing with Magellan, 24% of ASD members were waitlisted. By rapidly mobilizing our network, we were able to offer all of those members an ABA provider immediately. ABA providers worked with members and their families in their homes to further ensure timely access to treatment and services, resulting in 69% improvement across all domains of the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales within the first year of ABA treatment.

90%

of parents/caregivers being satisfied with the services their child received



Delivery of services—70% of individuals with ASD also have a comorbid medical condition.¹ Comprehensive diagnostic evaluation represents the beginning of treatment, not the end. Magellan shares findings with primary care physicians, facilitating coordinated medical care.

90%

of families reporting their child's treatment plan met his or her specific needs



Case management—Magellan brings together educational, medical and behavioral providers to ensure individualized education plans are in place and followed, helping members get the most from our program.

88%

of families reporting their child made the progress they expected²



Financial savings—Since program inception, Magellan has met our Medicaid health plan partner's financial savings expectations, providing services at up to 36% less than the national average per member per year.

1. Rosenberg RE, Kaufmann WE, Kiely Law J, Law PA. (2011, August 18). Parent report of community psychiatric comorbid diagnoses in autism spectrum disorders. Retrieved from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3420588/>.
 2. Magellan internal data, 2018.