

TRICARE ABA BENEFITS OVERVIEW

	BASIC PROGRAM	DEMO PROGRAM	PILOT PROGRAM
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	ABA covered as medical benefit under Tricare Basic. Interim benefit.	Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration Project (Demo): under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) as Educational Intervention for ASD	1-year supplemental Tricare ABA benefit under authority of NDAA FY13
BENEFICIARIES	All Tricare eligible beneficiaries	Active Duty Family Members only	Non-Active Duty Family Members only
LOCATION	No restriction	Limited to 50 United States and DC	Limited to 50 United States and DC
MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS	ASD diagnosis required by P-PCM or specialized ASD provider	ASD diagnosis required by P-PCM or specialized ASD provider	ASD diagnosis required by P-PCM or specialized ASD provider
IEP/IFSP REQUIREMENT	No	Yes. In case of home or private school, instead of IEP/IFSP the P-PCM or specialized ASD provider must certify that beneficiary requires participation in Demo.	No
EFMP AND ECHO	No requirement	EFMP and ECHO enrollment required	No requirement
TESTING REQUIREMENT	No	No	ADOS-2 and Vineland II: by either school system (if done within 1 year of ABA referral) or by Tricare authorized provider. ADFMs in Demo who retire automatically enter Pilot with 1 year grace period to meet diagnosis, referral and ADOS-2 requirements. Vineland II is still required every 180 days.
AGE/DURATION LIMITS	None	Min age: 18 months old	Min age: 18 months old. For beneficiaries older than 16 and for treatment beyond 2 years: waiver is required including documentation proving the need for continued ABA.
SERVICE DELIVERY	Direct services by BCBA only	Direct services by tutor. Supervision by BCBA or BCaBA.	Direct services by tutor or BCaBA. Supervision by BCBA. BCaBA may supervise tutors but not independently.
CO-PAY	Copays will depend on Tricare plan and duty status (max out-of-pocket \$1,000/yr for AD and \$3,000 for NAD)	Monthly copay based on rank (no max out-of-pocket)	10% of charge (does not apply to max out-of-pocket)
ABA HOURS	No limit listed in policy	Limited based on max annual cap of \$36,000	Limited based on max annual cap of \$36,000. Per BCBA recommendation.
MAX HOURLY RATE	\$125 for BCBA	\$125 for BCBA/BCaBA and \$50 for tutor	\$125 for BCBA, \$75 for BCaBA and \$50 for tutor
DISCHARGE CRITERIA	No	No	Criteria include: no measurable progress shown in testing, no skill generalization/durability, no patient or FM participation. Family context and potential mitigating circumstances such as PCS and deployment will be considered.
POLICY END DATE	Not specified	March 14, 2015	July 25, 2014
TRICARE POLICY	Tricare Policy Manual 6010.57-M, Chapter 7 Section 3.18, C-106, Feb 3, 2014	Tricare Operations Manual 6010.56-M, Chapter 18 Section 8, C-115, Feb 3, 2014	TOM 6010.56-M, C18S15, C-101, Jun 25, 2013, TPM 6010.57-M, C7S3.19, C-106, Feb 3, 2014