

# Medical Necessity Resources



The Medical Necessity Resource Page was developed by COABA's Dissemination Committee. The page includes information and education on Medical Necessity for ABA services.

## WEBINARS & VIDEOS

- [Best Practices for Determining Medical Necessity in Autism/ABA Treatment](#)
- [Determining Medical Necessity: How Evidence-based Protocols Can Support Proper Dosage and Clinical Outcomes](#)

## TOOLS & QUIZZES

- [Rethink's Medical Necessity Assessment](#)  
*The Medical Necessity Assessment is an evidence-based tool that provides clinical recommendations for appropriate level of care for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder based on available research for direct ABA services. Informed by client history, records review, learning considerations, and specific diagnostic considerations, medical necessity is determined and an ABA dosage for direct service hours per week is recommended.*
- [Explanation and Analysis of the Effects of Variables on Behavior and Projected Course of Treatment](#)
- [Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist \(ATEC, 2021, May\)](#)

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## LEGAL AND INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

- [CO Insurance Mandate](#)
- [Medical Necessity Criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [Medical Necessity Guidelines for UBH](#)
- [Magellan Medical Necessity Criteria Guidelines](#)
- [AAP Essential Contractual Language for Medical Necessity in Children](#)
- [State Strategies for Defining Medical Necessity for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Medical Necessity for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#)
- [Walsh vs UBH Court Case](#) (Dept of Labor sued UBH for violations of Mental Health Parity Act)
- [Wit vs UBH Court Case](#) (court case showing UBH used overly restrictive criteria)
- [Aetna Applied Behavior Analysis Medical Necessity Guide](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Maximus Medical Necessity PowerPoint](#) (an informational training by a company that does medical necessity reviews)
- [Medical Necessity at Firefly PowerPoint](#) (training done by previous CCO at Firefly Autism)
- [Billing and Medical Necessity PowerPoint](#) (training on billing and medical necessity)
- [Pediatric Behavioral Therapy Changes 2020 PowerPoint](#) an informational training by a HCPF on Pediatric Behavioral Therapy in CO
- [Colorado Training and Reference Manual for Clinicians](#) )
- [Medical Necessity Clinical Workgroup Update PowerPoint](#) an informational training by the state of Pennsylvania)

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## ASSESSMENTS TO HELP DETERMINE MEDICAL NECESSITY

Criterion-Referenced Assessment Tools for Selecting Objectives and Curriculum Planning:	Normative-Referenced & Standardized Assessment Tools for Specifying Fading and Discharge Criteria:
<u>VBMAPP</u> <u>ABLLS-R</u> <u>AFLS</u> <u>Socially Savvy</u> <u>EFL</u> <u>PEAK</u> <u>BRS-2</u> <u>AASP-2</u>	<u>Vineland</u> <u>BRIEF</u> <u>SSIS</u> <u>SRS-2</u> <u>ADOS-2</u> <u>TOPL-2</u> <u>ABAS-3</u>

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