

MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS WHO DIAGNOSE AUTISM

Call Beacon to locate additional providers at [\(855-765-9700\)](tel:855-765-9700)

Katz	Gregory	Santa Cruz	English (831) 462-0696
Palomares	Uvaldo	Merced Monterey Santa Cruz	Spanish
Ray	Gina	Monterey	English
Sanders	Christopher	Monterey	English
Terranova	Linnea	Monterey	English

MEDI-CAL ABA PROVIDERS

Abrite	English	(831)454-8530
BCBA Services	English/Spanish	(888) 832-8919
ABA Bears	English/Spanish/Korean/Japanese, Tagalog, Cantonese	888.618.BE AR (2327)
Behavior Education and Management (BEAM)	English	(415) 578-9249
Comprehensive Educational Services (ACES)	English	(800) 515-5016
Esperanza Therapy Services	English/Spanish	
Learning Arts	English	(559) 229-1540
Star of CA	English, Spanish	(805) 466-7827
Stars Therapy Services	English, Spanish, Chinese	(831) 261-4088

Tucci Learning Solutions	English, Spanish, Mandarin	(831) 786-0600
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If Beacon is unable to provide an available provider appointment within three weeks, please contact us for help. You are legally entitled to timely access to care.

Medi-Cal Speech, OT & PT Providers

Pediatric Therapy Center, ST, OT & PT	Santa Cruz	
Central Coast Language & Learning, ST, OT & PT	Monterey	
Natividad Medical Center, ST, OT & PT	Monterey	
George Mee Memorial Hospital OT, PT	Monterey	
Speak EZ Associates, ST	Monterey	
Therasen's Occupational Therapy OT, PT	Monterey	
Stars Therapy Services, ST, OT, OT	Monterey	(831) 261-4088

FAQ's for MEDI-CAL Recipients with Autism using Central California Alliance for Health

Can families call Beacon directly to request an autism assessment and/or ABA therapy, or must they be referred by a physician?

If a child is suspected of having ASD, he/she can be referred to our member services department by the family, a physician, the regional center, the health plan, the county, etc.

Does Beacon have a questionnaire they administer by phone before making a referral for an autism assessment? For an ABA assessment?

If a parent/caretaker calls and requests an assessment because they suspect their child has autism, we will schedule the assessment and do not require the completion of a questionnaire or a referral to be made

In addition to surveillance for risk factors at every well child checkup, we recommend PCPs have the child's parent/caretaker administer the MCHAT upon completion of the 18 month and 24 checkups. The MCHAT questionnaire takes five to ten minutes for the parent/caretaker to complete, and scoring can be completed the physician's office staff. This questionnaire, however, is not required to make a referral.

What does a provider have to do to make a referral?

The provider can either fax a referral form or call Beacon's member services team directly to make a referral

Do you accept provisional ASD diagnosis and is that enough to make a referral for ABA services?

DHCS has provided guidance that a provisional or rule out diagnosis will be sufficient for members under the age 3. After these members turn 3, they will need to receive a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation to confirm their ASD diagnosis. These members will continue to receive ABA services without interruption after they turn 3 until a confirmation of their diagnosis is received, at which point their treatment plan will be adjusted (if necessary) to meet their current needs.

All member referred to Beacon over the age of three must have a confirmed ASD diagnosis in order to receive ABA services.

Do you have a network of providers who do social skills groups?

Some providers offer social skills groups, others do not. When it is in a members treatment plan, the member can call Beacon and we will check with provider groups to see if they offer social skills groups as a service and will check for appointment availability and provider capacity.

Does Beacon do the authorization, monitoring and reauthorization of ABA?

Beacon authorizes and reauthorizes ABA treatment plans. Beacon's care managers also review each case on a weekly basis for quality and accuracy, and the child's progress or lack thereof.

What is the process for SLP & OT? When your providers do an autism diagnosis, do they also recommend speech and OT? If so, does the family have to go back to the primary care provider to get referrals for speech and OT?

During the comprehensive diagnostic assessment, the providers do not make recommendations for PT, OT, and S&L. Members can to PT, OT, and S&L providers for an initial visit, but all treatment must be authorized by the PCP.