AHCCCS covers medically necessary services for all Medicaid beneficiaries with or without a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), which may be required for other services such as DDD/ALTCS.

**Follow the steps below to get started:**

**Step 1: Visit Your Primary Care Provider**

If you suspect your child has ASD, schedule an appointment with your primary care provider (specializing in family practice or pediatrics). If your primary care provider agrees with your concerns, a referral to a Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider (listed in Step 2) will be made to confirm the ASD diagnosis.

**Step 2: Get Diagnosed**

Once a referral by your primary care provider has been made, schedule an appointment with the Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider recommended by your primary care provider. A Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider must be board certified or board eligible in:

- Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics
- Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics
- Adult or Child Psychiatry
- Licensed Clinical Psychology, doctoral level

**Step 3: Get a Referral and Authorization**

Once diagnosed, a Specialized ASD Diagnosing Provider and/or your primary care provider will discuss treatment options with you and request authorization for AHCCCS members to receive treatment through the medical and/or behavioral health plans.

Once services are authorized, you and your Provider(s) will be notified that you can begin. See Step 4 below.

For any services not authorized, you will receive a notice of action from your health plan that includes your appeal rights.

**Step 4: Get Treatment**

Schedule an appointment with the treating Provider(s). Your treating Provider(s) will:

- Develop an individual treatment plan
- Work one-on-one with you and your child
- Help parents and caregivers develop the skills to provide support and implement strategies
- Supervise services provided by assistant behavior analysts and behavior technicians
- Re-evaluate your child as needed