



Using the Affordable Care Act to Access Autism Treatment Coverage

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If you currently don't have insurance that includes coverage for autism treatment, you may live in one of the 29 states that is now offering that coverage through its state exchange, and you may qualify for federal subsidies to reduce the costs of that insurance. If you don't have insurance, you are eligible to purchase insurance through your state exchange, and federal subsidies make the insurance extremely affordable for those who qualify.

Open Enrollment & Qualifying Events

Unless you experience a *qualifying event*, you can only purchase insurance – or *enroll* – through your state marketplace during the open enrollment period, unless you experience a qualifying event. **The open enrollment period begins on November 1st.** *Qualifying events* include, but are not limited to, moving to a different zip code or county; marriage; divorce; death; having a baby or adopting a child; loss of insurance as the result of a job change or job loss; becoming ineligible for Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP; or turning 26; becoming a citizen; leaving jail or prison; and starting or ending an AmeriCorps commitment. Learn more about qualifying events [here](#).

Does my state offer coverage for autism treatment?

Each state offers either a **state-based marketplace**, a **federally-facilitated marketplace**, or a **state-federal partnership marketplace** that acts as the **marketplace** where you can purchase insurance. If you live in one of the 29 states listed below or in [Washington, D.C.](#), then your state likely offers coverage for autism treatment through its marketplace. Before purchasing any plans, we strongly encourage you to confirm it includes the benefits you need.

Coverage for Autism Treatment through ACA Marketplace

Alaska	Louisiana	New Mexico
Arizona	Maine	New York
Arkansas	Maryland	Ohio
California	Massachusetts	Oregon
Colorado	Michigan	Texas
Connecticut	Missouri	Vermont
Delaware	Montana	Washington
Illinois	Nevada	Washington, DC
Indiana	New Hampshire	West Virginia
Kentucky	New Jersey	Wisconsin

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