

Talking Points for a Meeting with BCBS
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Thanks for the opportunity to visit

Tell us about the services BCBS provides to families whose children have ASD. What treatments do your medical specialists recommended?

We are interested in learn about how many people with ASD is BCBS serving? Are those numbers on the rise?

We would like to share briefly some of the medical challenges that families are concerned about when our children have ASD.

ABA is intense, requiring 40 hours of therapy a week which can cost up to \$50,000 a year. Is there a collaborative approach to providing services that BCBS might support?

What would the process be if a family wanted to get ABA?

Would you consider pre-authorization for a limited set of services?

Would you allow an employer to purchase a set of services for employees if they so desired? What might you include in the packet?

What steps have you taken/would you propose to address the rising numbers of people with ASD in our state?

What could we do together to address the issues?

What would be helpful?