



DoD Autism Care Demonstration (ACD) News Coverage, Timeline, and Related Legislation

News Coverage

- [DoD's conclusions flawed about military children's progress with autism therapy, expert says](#)
- [Dr. Ira Cohen Podcast "Critical Autism Services for Military Families in Jeopardy"](#)
- [Changes Made to the Tricare Autism Care Demonstration](#)
- [ABA Therapy – A Military Mother's Lifeline \(by Space Force spouse\)](#)
- [A devastating blow': Military families struggle with insurance changes for people with autism](#)
- [Recent Tricare changes affect military children with autism](#)
- ['A new low': TRICARE cuts services for children with autism, concerning military families](#)
- [Autism Speaks urges Department of Defense to expand, not restrict, services for military children](#)
- [Autism services for Texas military families could be cut under DoD](#)
- [A Defense Health Agency decision results in cuts to needed autism services for military families](#)
- ['A disgrace': Military families feel betrayed after insurance changes affect children with autism](#)

Timeline of Advocacy by Military Families and Provider Associations

- 9 April 2021: [Letter to Lt Gen Place](#), head of DHA, on recently announced changes to Autism Care Demonstration (ACD) DHA, by [Exceptional Families of the Military](#)
- 19 May 2021: [Lt Gen Place response](#) to 9 April Letter
- 24 June 2021: [Letter to Lt Gen Place](#), response to 19 May Letter, by Exceptional Families of the Military
- 2 July 2021: [Coalition Letter*](#) to Lt Gen Place
- 8 July 2021: [American Academy of Pediatrics Letter](#) to Lt Gen Place
- 9 July 2021: [National Coalition for Access to Autism Services Letter](#) to HASC and SASC
- 13 July 2021: [ABA Coding Coalition** Letter](#) to Lt Gen Place
- 13 Sept 2021: [Meeting Notes](#) with DHA, highlighted by, primary author of the PDDBI *"Dr. Cohen concluded that the DHA reports to Congress reflected a lack of understanding of the PDDBI, and that selective elimination of a large portion of cases led to biased data and data analyses"*
- 1 Oct 2021: [Letter from Rep. Posey](#) to Sec of Defense Austin
- 6 Oct 2021: [Meeting Notes](#) with Humana, including meeting notes from 28 Sept DHA meeting

Related Legislation

- [Sec 738 of HR 4350 in 2022 NDAA, "INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMPREHENSIVE AUTISM CARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM"](#)

***Coalition:** Exceptional Families of the Military, Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA), and Council of Autism Service Providers (CASP)

****ABA Coding Coalition:** Autism Speaks, Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), APBA, and CASP

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