

### **What is a Stage 1 Provider?**

A Stage 1 provider is a Medicaid-approved provider. To access ABA services, the diagnosis must come from a Stage 1 provider.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- **What if the diagnosis is from another state or provider?**

ABA services may still be approved, provided the individual is scheduled for an appointment with a Stage 1 provider.

- **How often is a diagnosis required?**

A diagnosis is required every three years. If the individual is on a waitlist and the three-year mark passes, they remain eligible as long as they are scheduled with a Stage 1 provider.

- **Is a diagnosis from a Stage 1 provider necessary?**

- **For ABA services:** Yes, a diagnosis from a Stage 1 provider is required.
- **For services other than ABA:** No, a Stage 1 provider diagnosis is not required.

Use the attached visual to help determine the best step for a diagnostic assessment.

*This guide is designed for families in Southern New Mexico to navigate the diagnostic process with confidence.*

