



April is Autism Awareness Month

The following messages were developed by the Autism Special Interest Group, with additional input from the President and the Board of Directors of SDBP:

The early diagnosis and treatment of autism are critical to improved outcomes for this vulnerable population, and save money for society as a whole.

Autism services need to be covered by insurance at the same level as other medical services.

Children and adults with autism often depend on Medicaid for their health care; proposed changes to Medicaid may negatively impact this very vulnerable population.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) must be preserved with the requirement that all schools receiving Federal funding provide support for children with autism.

Vaccines are critically important for children's health and do not cause autism.