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**SOUTHFIELD AUTISM TREATMENT CENTER
ACCEPTS MILITARY INSURANCE**

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN (June 8, 2009) – The Early Intervention Center announced that it is now accepting TRICARE, an insurance provider for families serving in the United States military. As a Corporate Service Provider for TRICARE & Health Net, the EIC can now bill TRICARE insurance for the one-on-one Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy for children of military families who are enrolled in the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) program. Under the Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration Project, services delivered by the EIC can now be reimbursed with a benefit limit of up to \$36,000 per fiscal year. This gives 100% coverage, not counting the families' deductibles, to children enrolled in part-time sessions that last 2.5 hours per day on Monday-Friday.

This news follows the U.S. Department of Defense's recent insurance expansion for dependents with autism through the Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration, whose coverage includes providers of ABA therapy such as the EIC. According to a TRICARE press statement, "Time-limited, focused ABA methods have been shown to improve communication abilities, reduce or eliminate specific problem behaviors and teach new skills to some individuals with autism."

THE EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER – headquartered in Southfield, Michigan, was created in 2000 as part of the Autistic Children's Treatment (ACT) Network, which provides research, education, service and information for parents of children with autism. For more information, please contact Jessica Rogers at (248) 559-5820 or jrogers@actnetwork.org, or visit www.actnetwork.org.

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