

TRICARE'S AUTISM CARE DEMONSTRATION (ACD) PROGRAM

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THE POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO ENROLLMENT

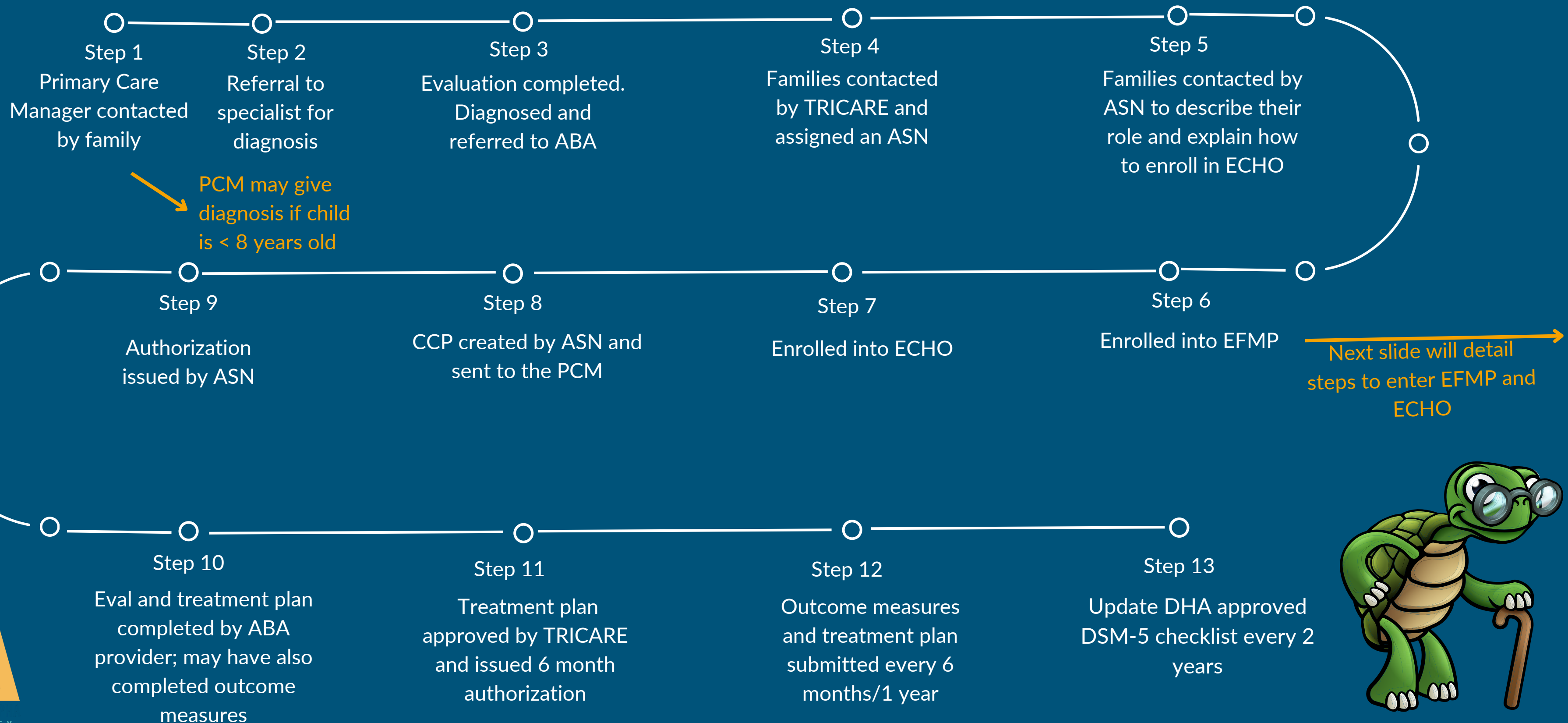
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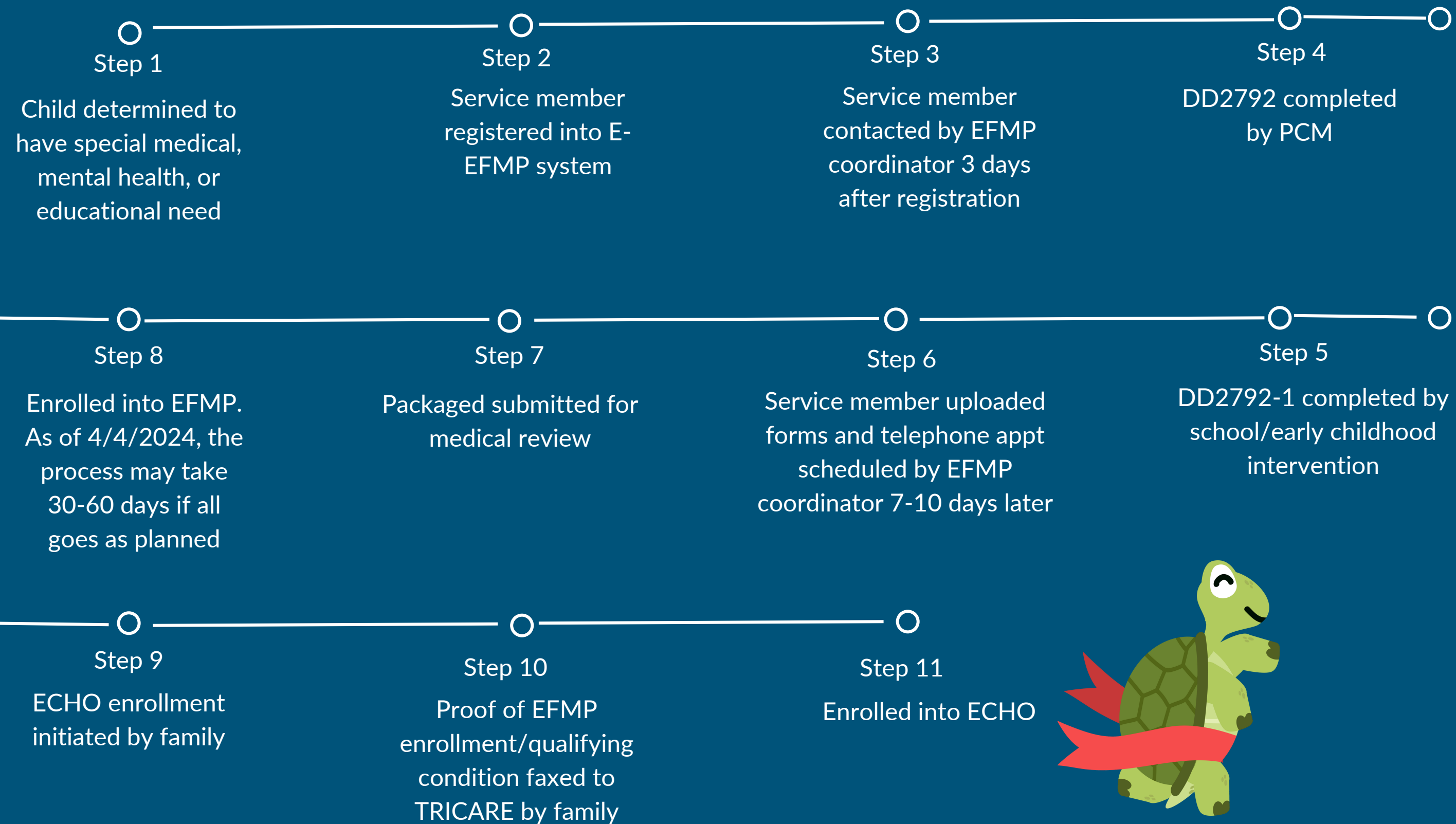
DISCLOSURES

- Full-time caregiver, retired Air Force Spouse
- Volunteer role as CEO of Mission Alpha Advocacy
- Enrolled in the ACD Program since 2018
- Began advocating to improve access to ABA services in 2021

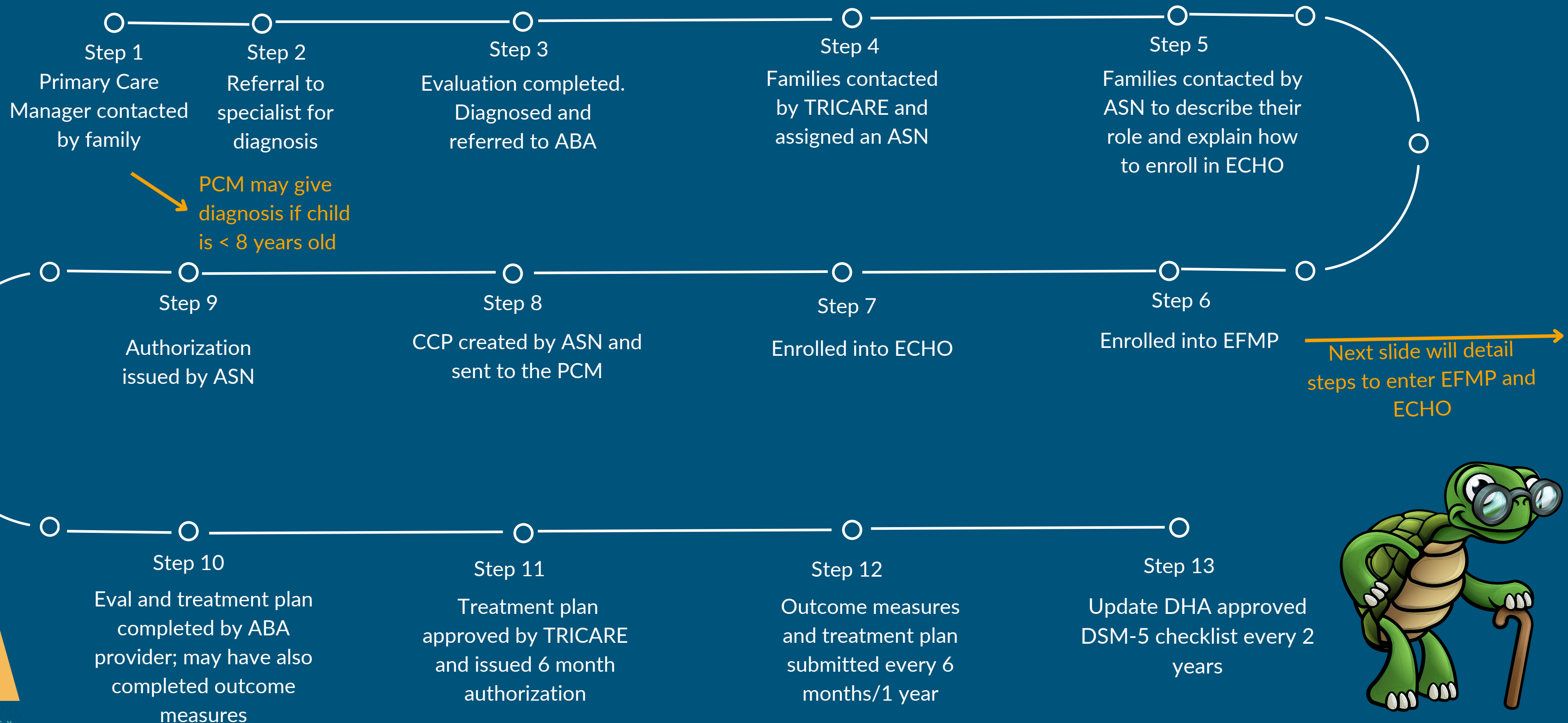
TRICARE'S AUTISM CARE DEMONSTRATION (ACD) ROAD MAP



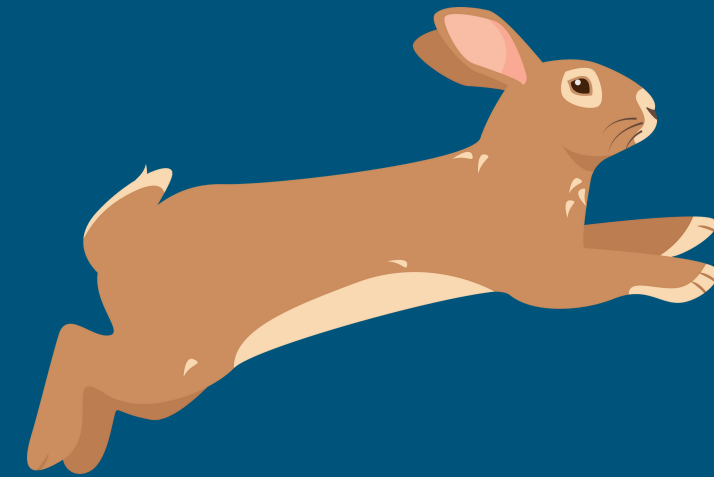
EFMP AND ECHO ENROLLMENT ROAD MAP



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PROCESS FOR OTHER SPECIALTY CARE REFERRALS



SUGGESTIONS

- **Make ABA services a regular medical benefit for TRICARE beneficiaries**
- **Allow ABA services for all diagnoses when deemed medically necessary**
- **Align the policies with standards and guidelines developed by nonprofit professional behavioral analysts associations, trade associations, and coalitions of such organizations.**
- **Recommend TRICARE comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA)**
- **Recommend removing mandate of EFMP enrollment in order to be eligible for ECHO benefits**

Thank you on behalf of our military children.

