

2026 Medical Necessity Criteria

Lucet utilizes medical necessity criteria to make medical necessity determinations. The medical necessity criteria set applied varies according to the behavioral health service being requested.

To determine which criteria set will be used **effective 1/1/2026**, please refer to the list below:

- **Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS)** will be used to evaluate behavioral health treatment requests for adults aged 19+ years.
- **Child and Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System (CALOCUS)** will be used to evaluate mental health treatment requests for children and adolescents ages 6-18 years.
- **Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII)** will be used to evaluate mental health treatment requests for infants, toddlers and children ages birth through 5 years.
- **ASAM** Criteria will be used to evaluate substance use disorder service and treatment requests.

Lucet medical policies apply to the following treatments and services, as applicable:

- Applied Behavior Analysis for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ABA for ASD)
 - Added Maryland State addendum.
- Applied Behavior Analysis for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder for Federal Employees (ABA for ASD for FEP)
- Applied Behavior Analysis for the Treatment of Down Syndrome (ABA for DS)
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
 - Add child and adolescent indication from the FDA (Food and Drug Administration).
 - Request Form Updated for 2026
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) for Florida Blue
 - Add child and adolescent indication from the FDA.
 - Request Form Updated for 2026
- Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
- Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing (PNT)
- Health Plan Medical Policies
 - Applied Behavior Analysis for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
 - BCBS of Louisiana Medical Policies removed
 - BCBS Arkansas #2023005 – Autism Spectrum Disorder in Adults, Applied Behavioral Analysis retired
- Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) & Local Coverage Determinations (LCD)

Lucet's Internal Medical Policies and Externally Sourced Placement Criteria used to make Organizational Determinations for 2026 will be available on 1-1-2026 at:
<https://lucethealth.com/providers/resources/mnc/>.