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# Missed check-ups, delayed autism diagnoses among low-income children

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Children from low-income families are diagnosed with autism about **eight months later** than their wealthier peers, regardless of how many 'well-child' visits they attend, according to a new study.

The analysis reviewed insurance claims for 253 autistic children who were born in Virginia in 2011. Those on Medicaid, government-funded health insurance for low-income families in the United States, were diagnosed with autism at 48.5 months of age, on average, compared with 40.7 months for those with private insurance.

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