

## Market Update

In Q4 2021, two transactions occurred in the autism services space, marking a slight decrease relative to the prior quarter. Despite the decrease in volume, autism services continues to be one of the most active areas for investment within the healthcare services universe, so much so, that as of Q4 2021, 50+ private equity firms currently hold or previously held a majority stake in an autism services platform.<sup>(1)</sup>

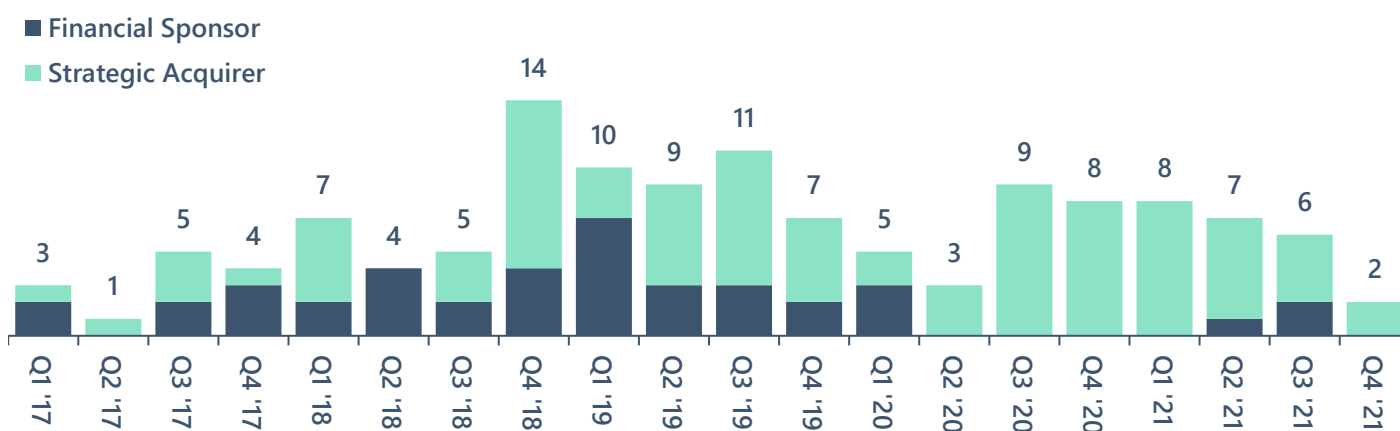
The predominant thesis in the autism services space continues to be centered around outsized demand for services, driven by increased incidence levels, expanded coverage, and heightened awareness, coupled with a lack of providers in the space, making for an attractive investment opportunity.

Provident anticipates deal flow in the space to remain robust as private equity-backed groups continue to compete with one another for acquisitions. Looking ahead to 2022, Provident expects to see a combination of larger private equity-backed platforms acquiring groups backed by smaller funds, private equity firms exiting their initial platform investments to other private equity firms, and companies with tangential service lines acquiring ABA therapy providers to build integrative care models.

## Select Transactions<sup>(1)</sup>

Date	Acquirer	Target	Financial Sponsor
Nov-21	Center for Social Dynamics	South Sound Behavior Therapy	New MainStream Capital
Nov-21	H2 Health	Great Strides Rehabilitation	Grant Avenue Capital

## Timeline of Transaction Volume in Autism Services<sup>(1)</sup>



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## White Paper

[An Update on Investment & Consolidation in Autism Services](#)

<sup>(1)</sup> Transaction statistics based on research completed by Provident; excludes non-publicly available transactions; includes platform investments that did not initially offer ABA Therapy, but do so currently