

Autism Waiver



What is the Autism Waiver?

The Autism Waiver is a Medicaid program that provides one-on-one, intensive early intervention treatment to eligible children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Waiver services take place in the child's home or a parent-approved, community-based location.

How does the Autism Waiver help beneficiaries?

Autism Waiver services enable children with ASD to:

- 1** Receive care and support in their homes and communities
- 2** Empower parents/guardians to participate in the treatment plan
- 3** Receive best practice early intervention services
- 4** Develop skills in areas of cognition, communication, self-care, socialization, and appropriate behavior



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What Services can be provided?

- Consultative Clinical and Therapeutic Services
- Individual Assessment / Treatment Development / Monitoring Services
- Lead Therapy Intervention Services
- Line Therapy Intervention Services
- Telemedicine Services
- Therapeutic Aides and Behavioral Reinforcers

What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible to receive services through the Autism Waiver, applicants must:

1. Be aged 18 months to 5 years old.
2. Have been diagnosed with ASD by at least two of the following licensed professionals, either individually or as a team: (1) physician, (2) psychologist, (3) speech-language pathologist.
3. Meet financial eligibility and level of care criteria.

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