

The Pennsylvania Autism Waiver

Fact Sheet

⌘ The Autism Waiver is designed for adults 21yrs and older living in Pennsylvania. Priority is given to those who are not currently receiving ongoing state funded or state and federally funded long-term care services.

⌘ Initial Capacity will serve around 200 consumers statewide.

⌘ To be eligible for the Autism Waiver, a person must:

- Live in PA
- Have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Be 21 years or older by time of enrollment
- Meet Medical Assistance financial eligibility
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility level of care

** IQ is NOT considered for eligibility **

⌘ The following services are available in this waiver:

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| ➤ Assistive Technology | ➤ Nutritional Consultation |
| ➤ Behavioral Specialist Services | ➤ Occupational Therapy |
| ➤ Community Inclusion | ➤ Residential Habilitation |
| ➤ Community Transition Services | ➤ Respite |
| ➤ Counseling | ➤ Speech/Language Therapy |
| ➤ Day Habilitation | ➤ Supported Employment |
| ➤ Environmental Modifications | ➤ Supports Coordination (Case Management) |
| ➤ Family Counseling | ➤ Temporary Crisis Services |
| ➤ Family Training | ➤ Transitional Work Services |
| ➤ Job Assessment and Finding | |

⌘ The Supports Coordinator will complete reevaluations annually and services can change based on need.

- ⌘ All written materials will be produced in both English and Spanish; there is also a toll free number for persons with limited English proficiency to access this information in Spanish, Chinese, Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Russian.
- ⌘ Each Waiver consumer will have an Individualized Service Plan (ISP) that includes:
 - Information about who they like and admire
 - What activities they prefer
 - Any allergies or other health concerns
 - A record of fire and traffic safety knowledge amongst others
 - Goals and Achievements
 - Along with other important information that is apart of the participant's everyday life.
- ⌘ Consumers may choose the provider for each service in their Service Plan.
- ⌘ The Bureau of Autism Services will directly administer this waiver.
- ⌘ Providers throughout the state are welcome to apply to be an Autism Waiver provider through the Bureau of Autism Services and The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP). (*See the Provider FAQs*)
- ⌘ Providers will be required to complete Autism-specific training, which consist of 9 web-based training modules supplied by the Bureau of Autism Services.
- ⌘ Technical assistance is available as needed to providers from the Bureau of Autism Services and The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP).

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