



The Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Waiver

The Department of Special Education would like to acknowledge and thank the Prince George's County Board of Education for their commitment to providing a great education that empowers all students and contributes to thriving communities.

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you!*

Participant Outcomes

Participants will:

- Have gained knowledge of the Autism Waiver Program
- Have questions answered regarding the Autism Waiver Process

What is the Autism Waiver ?

- A Medical Assistance Program
- “Waiver” means income eligibility relates only to the individual applying
- Eligible persons receive services in the home and community as an alternative to institutionalization



Technical Eligibility Requirements for the Autism Waiver

- ☐ Maryland resident
- ☐ Age 1 thru 21
- ☐ Diagnosed With Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ☐ Must have Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- ☐ 15 hours of Special
- ☐ Not currently enrolled in Medicaid Waiver
- ☐ Must receive one Waiver service per month



Medical Eligibility Criteria for the Autism Waiver

- Includes basic Activities of Daily Living (ADL), functional ADL's and maladaptive behaviors
- Level of Care Determination completed by certified school psychologist
- Level of Care Determination must indicate institutional level



Financial Eligibility Requirements for the Autism Waiver

- Applies only to the applicant
- An individual's income and assets are reviewed to determine financial eligibility for Medical Assistance
- Total asset allotment of \$2000



Autism Waiver Services



- Family Consultation
- Intensive Individual Support
- Respite Care
- Therapeutic Integration
- Intensive Therapeutic Integration
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Residential Habilitation
- Adult Life Planning
- Service Coordination
 - Contracted to the Arc of Prince George's County
 - Overseen by PGCPS

Autism Waiver by the Numbers

- Approximately 6000 children on the Registry List
- Current Wait to apply is approximately 8 years
- Services 1500 children statewide
 - 5% between ages 6-11
 - 48% between ages 12-17
 - 47% between ages 18-21
 - 0 ages 9 and under
- PGCPS currently services 157 children on the Autism Waiver

Autism Waiver Steps to Apply

- To be placed on the Autism Waiver Registry, parents should contact the Waiver Services Registry (1-866-417-3480).
- Local School System Representative will contact family when application can be started
- Parent must attend all application meetings with local school system representative





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