

Purpose

The goal of this Medicaid waiver is to help families care for a child diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at home instead of having to place the child in a facility to receive needed care.

This waiver is “parent-driven,” meaning parents or the primary caregiver determine what their family can or cannot do, and the parents or primary caregivers identify what it will take for the family to be able to keep their child at home.

Parents or the primary caregiver, with the help of their team (family, professionals and others important to them), will determine which waiver services will assist the family the most in keeping their child home.

More Information

More information and assistance in dealing with the issues surrounding a child with an autism spectrum disorder can be found at:

www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html



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Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver Services

*Serving children from
birth through age 13*



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Who is Eligible?

Anyone who meets all of the following criteria may apply for waiver services:

- Child is between birth through 13 (qualifies until 14th birthday),
- Child is eligible to receive care in an intermediate care facility,
- Child has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, and
- Child is living in their parents' or other legally-responsible caregiver's home.

After a child applies for and is approved for waiver services, the child **must apply for Medicaid**. (The child's income must meet financial eligibility criteria).

Families will assist in the development of the Participant Service Plan containing current goals and services for their children. A family can request a copy of this plan from their service manager at any time.



Services Provided

The services listed below are in addition to what the North Dakota Medicaid State Plan covers.

Service Management

- A service to assist a family in completing the Participant Service Plan and to provide support to the family as needed.

Respite Care

- Provides primary caregiver(s) with temporary relief from the stress of caring for a child with special needs.

Parents or the primary caregiver can use respite hours for:

- An extra set of hands to help caregiving while the parent or primary caregiver rests, cleans, leaves the home to run errands, goes to another child's activities, socializes or takes a short break.

Respite services cannot be used while the primary caregiver is at work or attending school.

Assistive Technology

- Can be used to provide the child with devices or equipment that can help the child navigate daily challenges.
- Can include a wide range of items, from swings and Kush balls, to communication devices and noise-cancelling headphones.

IMPORTANT

- *Assistive technology purchases require a qualified professional recommendation.*
- *Service managers can help families make these purchases.*
- *Item being requested must be part of the Participant Service Plan.*

