



# Public Comments

## Autism Spectrum Disorder Medicaid Waiver

Many submissions on public comments were duplicative and are **highlighted in Yellow** below

1. Parent disappointed about the autism waiver waitlist and requesting additional slots.  
**State response: Slots were expanded during legislative session and cannot be added at this time.**
2. We are pleased the department will maintain the ASD waiver to qualify those for access to services based on the child's income that would otherwise lose eligibility for EPSDT services.  
**State Response: Thank you.**
3. Will the ASD waiver continue to serve children who are not able to be served on the DD waiver?  
**State Response: The ASD Medicaid waiver will continue to serve children who qualify.**
4. ASD waiver service management hours should be increased.  
**State Response: Service management hours will continue to be based upon the screening Level of Support need for each child.**
5. Consider additional tools to determine eligibility for services.  
**State Response: The state will make every effort to utilize the best and most current instruments, however, at this time we will not be adding additional tools.**
6. There is a shortage of qualified providers.  
**State Response: Due to the lack of professionals to meet the demand, the state is trying to incorporate as many highly trained professionals as possible for services delivery.**
7. Birth through nine is not going to cover the needs (for the waiver)... no waiver will help (children 10 or older with autism).  
**State Response: The Developmental Disabilities waiver can be of assistance to individuals over the age of 10 who qualify, as can the ASD voucher program. The Medicaid state plan may also be a possibility for services.**