



Children with Autism Waiver

What is the Children with Autism Waiver?

This waiver provides access to behavioral therapy for children ages 5 and under with autism.

Who is eligible?

Children who:

- Are age 5 and under;
- Are determined financially eligible for Medicaid by the local County of Social/Human Services;
- Are determined to meet the Social Security Administration's definition of disability;
- Are at risk of institutionalization as determined by the case manager;
- Have a diagnosis of autism as certified by a physician and not reached 6 years of age; and
- Are determined by the case manager to be safely served in the community.

How does someone apply?

- The applicant must first go to a Community Centered Board (CCB) to be evaluated. CCBs provide case management services and assessments necessary for the waiver.
- An applicant must go to their local County of Social/Human Services to apply for Medicaid and to submit a disability application (CEL). Disability determination may take up to 90 days.
- The CCB case managers work with behavioral therapy providers to create a service plan.

What are the benefits?

- Behavioral therapy
- Benefits are for three years or until the child's 6th birthday, with annual costs up to \$25,000 per year.

Where can a child get benefits?

- Benefits are available through a certified provider. The CCB will assist the family to locate a provider.

What is the enrollment limit?

- Seventy-five children may be served at this time.

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