



Medicaid Waivers/Programs for Adults with Autism in Pennsylvania:

What are Your Options?

Are you looking for more information about Medicaid-funded programs for adults with autism in Pennsylvania? Learn about the options and how to apply below!

Bureau of Supports for Autism & Special Populations (BSASP): Ages 21+

Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)

- Available in Chester, Lancaster, Cumberland, and Dauphin counties.
- Diagnosis of autism.
- Meet financial and functional eligibility.
- This is a managed care model program.*

Adult Autism Wavier (AAW)

- Available across Pennsylvania.
- Diagnosis of autism.
- Meet financial and functional eligibility.

* A managed care model means that physical health services (like a doctors appointment) and services in the community (like a job coach) are both paid for by the same program.

Bureau of Community Supports (BCS) Programs: No Age Limit

Person/Family Directed Support (PFDS) Waiver

- Diagnosis of an intellectual disability, autism, or developmental disability.
- No age limit (except for developmental disability, which has an age limit of 0-8).
- Meet functional and financial eligibility.
- Individual cost limit of \$47,000 per person per fiscal year effective July 1st, 2024. Supports Coordination and Supports Broker are excluded from the cost limit.

Consolidated Waiver

- Diagnosis of an intellectual disability, autism, or developmental disability.
- No age limit (except for developmental disability, which has an age limit of 0-8).
- Meet functional and financial eligibility.
- No individual cost limit.

Community Living Waiver

- Diagnosis of an intellectual disability, autism, or developmental disability.
- No age limit (except for developmental disability, which has an age limit of 0-8).
- Individual cost limit of \$97,000 per person per fiscal year effective July 1st, 2024. Supports Coordination is excluded from the cost limit.



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How to register for ODP services and programs:

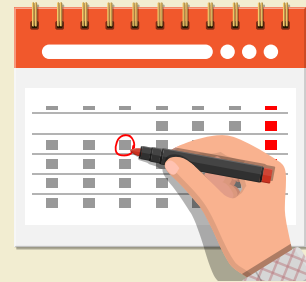
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- Contact your County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability (MH/ID) Office: In the phone book look for Intellectual Disability, Human Services or visit: PAutism.org/MHID



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County MH/ID will schedule an appointment to gather more information.

- What to bring to an appointment with the County MH/ID:
 - Social Security Card
 - Birth Certificate
 - Proof of Residence
 - MA Card (proof of Medicaid)
- Provide all the information the County MH/ID requests to complete your registration.

Things to Consider for the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Waiting List:

Priority of Information of Needs (PUNS)

ODP uses a prioritization system to sort those on the waiting list based on their level of need. This system is called the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS). PUNS collects information about your current and future service and support needs. PUNS helps the County MH/ID and state plan for your needs in comparison to others.

How is PUNS Information Collected?

The information is collected by your County MH/ID and is updated at least once a year with a Supports Coordinator (SC).

PUNS Levels

After you complete the PUNS form, the County MH/ID will see what your PUNS level is. This depends on what your service and support needs are in the next 5 years. The PUNS looks at many areas of a person's life including: if they are getting services at the time, if a family/caregiver is able to give support, and if a person has a place to live safely.

EMERGENCY

Support needed immediately
(within next 6 months)

CRITICAL

Support needed in next 2 years.

PLANNING

Support needed within next 2-5 years.



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