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DIVISION OF AUTISM SERVICES

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Eligibility Criteria for the Autism Waiver Program

The Division of Autism Services is available to consumers with a diagnosis of autism who do not have an intellectual disability.

Autism is defined to include DSM IV diagnoses of Autistic Disorder, Asperger Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD NOS), Rett's Disorder, and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder.

The following criteria will determine eligibility:

1. Medicaid Eligible (If you are not currently enrolled in a Connecticut Medicaid program, you may contact the Department of Social Services to inquire).
2. Cognitive and adaptive functioning above the level of intellectual disability (i.e. IQ equal to or greater than 70)
3. Be at least 3 year of age
4. Have a primary diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Determination will be established through a review of personal, clinical, and educational records. Records need to indicate a diagnosis of an ASD made through Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluation(s) that clearly outline the justifications for the differential diagnosis.

*For children ages 3 -7 a valid IQ cannot be determined. Eligibility for these children will be based upon a diagnosis of ASD and developmental delays. Once a child receives a valid IQ, and if their IQ is below 70, they will be dis-enrolled from this waiver and placed on another DDS waiver if capacity allows.

5. Legal residency in the State of Connecticut
6. Impairment prior to age 22 years
7. Impairment expected to continue indefinitely (chronic)

If any relevant information is not available during the intake process and later becomes available, the person's continuing eligibility in the program will be re-evaluated.

Eligibility for the Division of Autism Services does not assure that requests for services can be met immediately or in full. For the individuals receiving services, the services are provided within available appropriations based on the needs of the individuals