

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 identify what it will take for the family to be able to keep their child at home.

Parents 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.

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

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MEDICAID AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WAIVER SERVICES

SERVING CHILDREN
FROM BIRTH
THROUGH AGE 17

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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

- Child is between birth through 17 (qualifies until 18th 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 is approved for waiver services, the family will need to apply for Medicaid for the approved child.

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.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

- Can be used to provide the child with devices or equipment that can help the child navigate daily challenges.

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

- Provides a wide variety of opportunities to build relationships and supports in the community.

REMOTE MONITORING

- A device designed to provide safety and assist in finding a child with wandering behaviors. Service allows a child to experience more independence in daily schedule, increase inclusion and protection during times of negative behaviors through quicker assistance.

RESPIRE CARE

- Provides parents with temporary relief from the stress of caring for a child with special needs.

SERVICE MANAGEMENT

- A service to assist a family in gaining access to waiver and other Medicaid state plan services as well as medical, social, educational and other services regardless of the funding source for those services.

IMPORTANT

- All children on the waiver must have a completed Participant Service Plan every six months at a minimum.
- Two home visits must occur every year by the service manager.
- All service being requested must be part of the Participant Service Plan.

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