

Attachment 1: Diagnostic and Eligibility Information for Services Through the County Intellectual Disability and Autism (ID/A) Program

Diagnostic and Eligibility Information for Services Through the County ID/A Program

To be eligible for services through the county ID/A program, an individual must have one or more of the diagnoses listed below. Please reference the Office of Developmental Program's (ODP) bulletin titled *Individual Eligibility for Consolidated, P/FDS, and Community Living Waivers* (bulletin number 00-19-04 or its successor), ODP's bulletin titled *Targeted Support Management for Individuals Served by the Office of Developmental Programs* (bulletin number 00-22-01 or its successor), and [55 Pa. Code § 4210.101a](#) (relating to clarification of eligibility determinations – statement of policy) for detailed information about the eligibility process.

Developmental Disability

For TSM and ODP's Waivers, as well as for base-funding which is used at the discretion of the county ID/A program:

- A condition of substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism, the disability manifested prior to the age of 9, and the disability is likely to continue indefinitely; or
- A medically complex condition that is a chronic health condition which affects three or more organ systems and requires medically necessary skilled nursing intervention to execute medical regimens to use technology for respiration, nutrition, medication administration or other bodily functions.

In addition to the above criteria of a diagnosis of a Developmental Disability, there must be:

- Documentation that there are substantial adaptive skills deficits in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction and/or capacity for independent living based on a standardized adaptive functioning test; and
- A recommendation for an Intermediate Care Facility/Other Related Conditions (ICF/ORC) level of care based on a medical evaluation.

Intellectual Disability

For base-funding, TSM, and ODP's Waivers:

- The diagnosis of Intellectual Disability is based on the results of standardized intellectual psychological testing, which reflects a full-scale score of 70 or below (based on 2 or more standard deviations below the mean);
- Documentation that the intellectual disability occurred prior to age 22;
- Documentation that there are substantial adaptive skills deficits in three or more of the following areas of major life activity for waiver eligibility or two or more of the following areas of major life activity for TSM and base-funded services eligibility: self-care,

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understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and/or capacity for independent living based on a standardized adaptive functioning test; and

- Be recommended for an Intermediate Care Facility/Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID) level of care based on a medical evaluation (this does not apply to base-funding or TSM).

Autism

For TSM and ODP's Waivers, as well as for base-funding which is used at the discretion of the county ID/A program:

- Documentation that the diagnosis of autism is based on the results of a diagnostic tool;
- Documentation that the autism diagnosis occurred prior to age 22;
- Documentation that there are substantial adaptive skills deficits in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and/or capacity for independent living based on a standardized adaptive functioning test; and
- Be recommended for an ICF/ORC level of care based on a medical evaluation (this does not apply to base-funding).