

LEARN ABOUT INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES

Eligibility

To be eligible for services in Pennsylvania, you must:

- Have a diagnosis of an Intellectual disability which requires an IQ score of 70 or below
- And/Or have a diagnosis of Autism/Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Have adaptive skill deficits in three or more areas based on a standardized adaptive functioning test
- Have been diagnosed prior to age 22

Required Documents

- If you have Intellectual disability (ID) you need a Psychological Evaluation that supports this diagnosis along with IQ score
- Comprehensive Autism assessment if there is a diagnosis of Autism/Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as determined by a **Standardized Diagnostic Test**
- Personal and demographic information
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Insurance (Medicaid or Access card)

In order to receive waiver services you must be enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) program. If not enrolled in MA, we will provide you with information on how to apply.

The Process

STEP 1: Forward required documentation to the IDS Registration to determine eligibility.

STEP 2: Once determined eligible to proceed with Registration.

The Registration Specialist will complete forms with you and your family. This includes the waiting list form, application for Waiver services, service preference, voter registration and a social summary.

STEP 3: Discussing Services

The registration specialist will help you begin to plan by identifying services you may need and offer you a choice of a Supports Coordination Organization (SCO). **You will be provided with a Physical Exam Form to be completed and given to your newly assigned Supports Coordinator.

STEP 4: Eligibility Notification for waiver services

Within 10 days after the registration process is complete, you will receive a eligibility determination letter. Your rights in the mediation and appeal process will be included in the letter.

STEP 5: Refer to an SCO and Develop an ISP

Within 2 weeks after you are referred to the SCO, you will be assigned to a Supports Coordinator. The Supports Coordinator will help you develop an Individual Support Plan (ISP), identify, locate, coordinate and monitor community services and supports. Please note that you can transfer your SCO at any time if you are not satisfied with services.



What You Need To Know

- There may be a waiting list for Waiver services, but all eligible individuals will receive supports coordination services at **NO** charge.
- If you are **NOT** eligible for Medicaid waiver services, you will receive help finding other community resources
- If you are not registered to vote, you will be offered the opportunity to complete an application to register to vote.
- It is important for all eligible individuals to register with IDS if they need to receive services and supports.

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