THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER PROGRAM

CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
Autism Waiver Overview

• Designed to prevent institutionalization of children with severe autism.
• Provides therapeutic programming to increase participant’s independence.
• Medical model service delivery that is centered on goal oriented treatment plans and outcomes.
Administration

Federal
- Centers for Medicaid Services

State
- Maryland State Department of Education
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Local
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Autism Waiver Providers
Eligibility Requirements

Medical
- Diagnosis of Autism within the last 3 years
- Meets minimum Level of Care scores

Technical
- Enrolled in publically funded school
- Has at least 15 hours of Sped Ed a week
- Can be safely maintained in community

Financial
- Waives parent’s income
- Child does not have more than $2000 in their name
- Special Needs Trusts are exempt
Medical Eligibility

• Autism Coding on the IEP is acceptable documentation of disability.
• If coding is not present, documentation of diagnosis in the last 3 years is required.
• Level of Care Assessment evaluates:
  • Basic Living Skills
  • Functional Living Skills
  • Interfering Behaviors
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<td>Intensive Individual Support Services</td>
<td>Direct one-to-one service provided in home and community, based on a treatment plan, to promote independence</td>
<td>25 hours per week</td>
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<td>Therapeutic Integration</td>
<td>Site based program that focuses on individual goals and socialization</td>
<td>20 hours per week</td>
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<td>Intensive Therapeutic Integration</td>
<td>Provides one-to-one support during Therapeutic Integration</td>
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<td>Respite Care</td>
<td>Allows the family to take a break from care</td>
<td>336 hours per year</td>
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<td>Family Consultation</td>
<td>Trained specialist to assist family in creating optimal supports for participant</td>
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<td>Trained specialist to assist family in transition planning</td>
<td>45 hours total, 15 hours per year. Available at age 16</td>
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<td>Environmental Adaptations</td>
<td>Modify home environment to increase safety</td>
<td>Limited to $2000 over 3 year period</td>
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<td>Residential Habilitation</td>
<td>Intensive 24 hour, 7 days a week placement for maximum support</td>
<td>365 days a year</td>
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<td>Service Coordination</td>
<td>Assist families in navigating resources</td>
<td>Continuous Support</td>
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**Medical Assistance:**
- Physician and hospital care
- Pharmacy
- Disposable medical supplies and equipment
- Payment of Medicare premiums, co-payments and deductibles
Autism Waiver Facts

- Maryland is approved for 1,000 slots to serve all 24 counties
- Governor Hogan requested 100 additional slots in the 2017 budget
- Montgomery County Currently has 255 children approved for services
- Approximately 20-30 students exit the program each year
- There are currently over 4,500 students on the Autism Waiver Registry
- Over 900 students of the students on the registry are from Montgomery County
Autism Waiver Facts

Non-Public

Public Programs

- Other: 85
- Autism Classes: 44
- Centers: 35
Autism Waiver Participants by LEA

Participants by LEA

- Worcester
- Wicomico
- Washington
- Talbot
- Somerset
- St. Mary's
- Queen Anne's
- Prince George's
- Montgomery
- Kent
- Howard
- Harford
- Garrett
- Frederick
- Dorchester
- Charles
- Cecil
- Carroll
- Caroline
- Calvert
- Baltimore County
- Baltimore City
- Anne Arundel
- Allegany

Total Number of Participants
Questions?

To register for the Autism Waiver please call, The Autism Waiver Registry, at 1-866-417-3480

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