

Children with Medically Fragile Needs

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Program to assist families in keeping their child home instead of placing them in a nursing home/hospital to receive needed care.

A “Parent Driven” program!

Meaning parents determine what their family can or cannot do and the parent identifies what it will take for the family to be able to keep their child at home.

Children with Medically Fragile Needs

Who is a Medically Fragile Child?

A child who has a serious illness or condition, which is anticipated to last at least 12 or more months.

A child who has medically intensive needs, and prolonged dependency on medical care and medical technology.

A child who at times, maybe medically stable; but still may require skilled nursing care to specialized medical equipment and supplies to enhance or sustain their lives at home.

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Who is eligible?

- ✦ Child who qualifies for Medicaid
- ✦ Between the ages of 3-18
- ✦ Eligible to receive care in a nursing home
- ✦ Child is living in their legally appointed caregiver's home.

Available Assistance in:

- Transportation,
- Dietary supplements
- Individ. & family counseling
- In-home support
- Equipment & supplies
- Environmental mod.
- Institutional respite
- Case management

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Facts of the Waiver

- Family must need assistance in the available services.
- Based on the needs of the family, up to \$18,966.00 of waived services may be authorized per year.
- Min. use of waiver: 1 service per quarter.
- Earliest age to apply is 2 years 7 months with services not starting until age 3.

Applied Behavior Analysis

Autism-Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

- The service includes program oversight supporting comprehensive assessment, care plan development, referral, monitoring and follow-up; and skills training for qualifying individuals and their caregivers.
- Service can occur within the home, community or a provider's facility.

Applied Behavior Analysis

Eligible – who qualifies?

- **Individuals up to age 21**
- **Who are enrolled in Medicaid**
- **Who have an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis**

ABA – What to expect

Program Oversight will assist with

- Comprehensive Assessments: to identify needs.
- Care Plan: to determine goals and methods.
(Reviewed at least every 6 months)

Skills Trainers will assist with

- Acquiring skills identified in care plan
- Train the individual caregivers to implement interventions

ABA – How to apply

Information to be sent to Department:

- **Copy of the individual's diagnosis**
Can be from primary care provider or a licensed medical care provider qualified to diagnose
- **Copy of a Health Tracks/ EPSDT screening**
Completed within 6 months
- **Recommendation that the child will benefit from ABA services**

Then:

- **Department checks Medicaid enrollment and reviews information.**
- **Department will issue a “prior approval letter”**
 - **This letter is taken to provider of family's choice**

Autism Spectrum Disorder - birth
through age 11 - Waiver

Autism Waiver

- 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 or primary caregivers identify what it will take for the family to be able to keep their child at home.
- Parents or the primary caregiver, 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.

Autism Waiver

Who is Eligible?

- Anyone who meets all of the following criteria may apply for waiver services:
 - Child is between birth through 11 (qualifies until 12th birthday),
 - Child is eligible to receive care in an intermediate care facility, (level of care – Vineland 3)
 - Child has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, and
 - Child is living in their parents' or other legally-responsible caregiver's home.
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- After a child applies for and is approved for waiver services, the child **must apply for Medicaid**

Autism Waiver Services

Service Management

- A service to assist a family in completing the Participant Service Plan and to provide support to the family as needed.

Respite Care

- Provides primary caregiver(s) with temporary relief from the stress of caring for a child with special needs.

Assistive Technology

- Can be used to provide the child with devices or equipment that can help the child navigate daily challenges.
- Can include a wide range of items, from swings and Kush balls, to communication devices and noise-cancelling headphones.

The services listed are in addition to what the North Dakota Medicaid State Plan covers.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Voucher program

Autism Voucher Program

- The goal of the **Autism Services Voucher Program** is to address gaps in non-therapy related services and to provide education and support to families who may not qualify for other help.
- The voucher program helps pay for assistive technology, training, and other approved support services that enhance the quality of life of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and help meet the unique needs of their families.
- The program provides vouchers totaling up to \$12,500 per year, per qualifying child, to help eligible families with the cost of supporting a child with autism.

Autism Voucher Program

Eligibility

- ✓ Families of children ages 3 through 17
- ✓ *Child has been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder*
- ✓ **not** receiving services through a Medicaid waiver.
- ✓ gross family income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty level, and

Currently: monthly household incomes (200%)

3 person family = \$3,464

4 person family = \$4,184

Autism Voucher Program

Applying

To apply for voucher services,

- ✓ Family must complete an **application**,
 - online at: www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn60611.pdf
 - by calling the department at 701-328-8912
- ✓ Family must provide proof of income, proof of ND residency of at least six-months, and a copy of a confirmed diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- ✓ Family must obtain a Letter of referral from a professional

Applications

All applications can be found at:

<http://www.nd.gov/eforms/>

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Autism Spectrum Disorder Voucher #60611

OR

Call our office at 701-328-8912 and Kaitlin will
mail/ email a copy to you

Contact information

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