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for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

Is my child eligible for DDA services?

Ages 0-3

One qualifying developmental delay
OR...

- ESIT Eligible
- Medically Intensive Children's Program (MICP)

If your child is receiving early intervention services s/he is eligible for DDA. Your FRC will help you apply.

You will need to reestablish eligibility for your child before age 4. Make sure to call DDA at 714-5000 to request a re-application packet. Fill it out and return it to maintain eligibility.

Ages 4-9

Three qualifying developmental delays
OR...

- Intellectual Disability
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Medically Intensive Children's Program (MICP)
- Another neurological or other condition (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability

Qualifying Developmental Delays

Must be 25% or 1.5 standard deviations below average

- Physical skills (gross or motor)
- Self-help/adaptive skills
- Expressive or receptive communication (ASL included)
- Social/emotional skills
- Intellectual, cognitive, academic or problem solving skills

Ages 10-17

Any of the following eligible conditions

- Intellectual Disability
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Another neurological or other condition (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability
- Medically Intensive Children's Program (MICP)

Your child's eligibility may expire at age 10. If so, DDA will send you a Notification of Eligibility Expiration letter. Make sure to call them to request a re-application packet. Fill it out and return it to maintain eligibility.

Ages 18 and older

Any of the following eligible conditions

- Intellectual Disability
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Another neurological or other condition (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability

Eligibility will need to be reviewed before age 20.
DDA will send you a Notification of Eligibility Review letter and consent form. Make sure to fill it out and return it well before your child's 20th birthday to maintain eligibility.

Autism

What diagnosis do I need?

- Autistic disorder 299.00 per DSM-IV-TR **or** Autism spectrum disorder 299.00 per DSM-5 with a severity level of 2 or 3 in both columns.
- Need a full evaluation report, not just a diagnosis

Who needs to make the diagnosis?

- Board eligible Neurologist or Psychiatrist, Licensed Psychologist, Board Certified Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician, or a Developmental ARNP associated with an Autism Center

What else do I need to know about Autism eligibility?

- Evidence of delay or abnormal functioning prior to age 3 in social, language, communication skills or imaginative play
- **AND** an adaptive functioning assessment[1] with a score of 69 or below
- **AND** Full Scale IQ of 84 or below or too severe to assess (**for DSM-5 Diagnosis only**)

Epilepsy

What diagnosis do I need?

- Epilepsy or seizure disorder

Who needs to make the diagnosis?

- Board Certified Neurologist

What else do I need to know about Epilepsy eligibility?

- Uncontrolled and ongoing or recurring seizures
- **AND** an adaptive functioning assessment[1] with a score of 69 or below

Cerebral Palsy

What diagnosis do I need?

- Cerebral Palsy or similar brain damage that causes Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, or Diplegia

Who needs to make the diagnosis?

- Licensed Physician

What else do I need to know about Cerebral Palsy eligibility?

- Evidence of onset before age 3
- Must have need for daily physical assistance for any 2 of the following: **toileting, bathing, eating, dressing, mobility or communication**

Intellectual Disability

What diagnosis do I need?

- Intellectual Disability (previously known as mental retardation)

Who needs to make the diagnosis?

- Licensed Psychologist or Certified School Psychologist;

What else do I need to know about Intellectual Disabilities eligibility?

- Psychological assessment with Full Scale IQ score of 69 or below OR to severe to assess
- **AND** an adaptive functioning assessment[1] with a score of 69 or below

Another Neurological or Other Condition

What diagnosis do I need?

- A neurological or chromosomal disorder (including Down syndrome) that is known to cause intellectual and adaptive skills deficits.

Who needs to make the diagnosis?

- Licensed Physician

What else do I need to know about other conditions eligibility?

- Full Score IQ of 77 or below OR too severe to assess OR (if under age 20) evidence of significant academic delays in broad reading & math
- **AND** an adaptive functioning assessment[1] with a score of 69 or below

[1] ADAPTIVE ASSESMENTS REQUIRED BY DDA: Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales (VABS), Scales of Independent Behavior-Revised (SIB-R), Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP), Adaptive Behavior Assessment System (ABAS)
[2] COGNITIVE TESTS REQUIRED BY DDA: Stanford-Binet, Wechsler Intelligence Scales (WISC), Differential Abilities Scale (DAS), Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (K-ABC), Das-Naglieri cognitive assessment system (CAS), Woodcock Johnson-III test of cognitive abilities (WJ-III(r))