

SOUTH CAROLINA Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Waiver Information Sheet

Prior to 1991, the Federal Medicaid program paid for services to DDSN consumers only if that individual lived in an institution. The approval of Federal Home and Community Based Waiver programs allowed Medicaid to pay for services to consumers in their homes and in their communities. Section 1915(c) of the Federal Social Security Act enables the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to collaborate with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) to operate a Home and Community-Based Waiver program for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This waiver was approved in January 2007.

PDD Waiver services are provided based on identified needs of the participant and the appropriateness of the service to meet the need. Services can be limited due to provider availability in the recipient's county. A list of approved qualified providers of PDD Waiver services can be located at the DDSN website (www.state.sc.us/ddsn/).

PDD Waiver Participation

To participate in the PDD Waiver, a person must:

- ✓ be age three (3) through ten (10).
- ✓ be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder by age eight (8).
- ✓ be eligible to receive Medicaid or already qualified for Medicaid.
- ✓ require the degree of care that would be provided in an ICF/IID; therefore, meet ICF/IID Level of Care criteria.
- ✓ be given the option of receiving services in his/her home and community or in an ICF/IID.
- ✓ have needs that can be met by the PDD Waiver.
- ✓ be allocated a Waiver slot.
- ✓ be informed of the alternatives covered by the PDD Waiver, choose to receive PDD Waiver services, and choose among qualified providers.

PDD Waiver Termination

PDD Waiver Enrollment is terminated when the recipient:

- ✓ is admitted to an ICF/IID or nursing facility.
- ✓ no longer meets ICF/IID Level of Care.
- ✓ is no longer eligible for Medicaid as determined by DHHS.
- ✓ voluntarily withdraws or no longer wishes to receive services funded by the PDD Waiver.
- ✓ does not receive a PDD waiver service for 30 consecutive days.
- ✓ moves out of state.
- ✓ turns eleven or upon three (3) years of enrollment.

Applying for PDD Waiver Services

- If your child does not currently receive, contact the PDD Intake and Referral Call Center at 1-888-576-4658.
- Inform the screener that you wish to apply for the PDD Waiver. The screener will complete the initial paper work, help to obtain basic information and offer the choice of Case Management providers.
- You will receive written response from DDSN regarding your PDD Waiver application once the Freedom of Choice and Level of Care have been completed.
- If your child is age three (3) through ten (10) and currently receiving services from DDSN, contact your child's Case Manager concerning PDD services.

Your Annual Plan

An annual plan of services and supports **must** be completed once every 365 days. If your new plan is not completed by the 364th day, Medicaid cannot pay for your services that were provided. Please work with your Case Manager to make sure that your plan is completed timely every year.

PDD State Funded Program

Children who do not meet ICF/IID Level of Care, but meet all other eligibility requirements may receive services outside the waiver through the PDD State Funded Program if funding is available.