

Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP)

was created to assist parents and caregivers with the expensive cost of providing Autism-specific treatments to their child with ASD.

ATAP funds only treatments which have been proven by research to be evidence-based.

ATAP provides a monthly allotment to assist with on-going treatment development, supervision and a limited amount of weekly intervention hours based upon a child's individual treatment plan, and income. ATAP may also provide assistance with insurance copays to support insurance access for Autism specific treatment.

Who is eligible for the service?

Children aged 18 months until they turn 19 years

Children diagnosed with one of the following:

- Autism
- Asperger's Syndrome
- PDD-NOS

Pervasive Developmental Disorders-
Not Otherwise Specified

Must be diagnosed by a certified professional

Children cannot be receiving funding through MHDS Autism Program.

To start the intake process or for more information contact ATAP at the Aging and Disability Services Division

775-687-4210

To complete the intake process, you will be asked for proof of income, proof of diagnosis and a copy of your child's current medical insurance coverage.



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Is a statewide program which provides support and monthly funding to pay for evidence-based treatments and therapies for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

To apply call:

ADSD

Call 775-687-4210

Si tiene preguntas comuníquese con la Coordinadora Estatal de habla española en:

702-277-8281



ATAP is an assistance program and the monthly allotment is intended to help parents pay for treatment. It is understood that the funding provided by ATAP will not pay for all of the recommended hours of treatment or the Plan hourly requirement. It is our hope that parents can help to fund additional hours of treatment. However ATAP recognizes not all parents can afford to do so.

This program is unique because it gives families the freedom to choose the provider and employees who will provide services to their children. Not only do families pick the employees who will work with their child, but they hire them and oversee them.

What is covered?

ATAP offers a variety of plan types to enable choice while supporting evidence-based treatments. Treatment models utilizing Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Verbal Behavioral (VB), Pivotal Response (PRT), including program training, development, supervision, daily intervention hours, and essential tools and supplies.

Assistance with insurance co-pays or meeting the yearly deductible when accessing ABA. ATAP may fund Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy when other resources do not provide coverage.

All children with ASD can benefit from the evidence-based treatments funded by ATAP.

- Children who because of ASD, have various delays or gaps in their skills;
- Children with sensory issues;
- Children who have challenging behavior;
- Children who only need to learn to socialize with peers;
- Non-Verbal or Verbal Children; or
- Children with no behavior issues.

What is not covered?

Respite, medicines, supplements, private school placements, classroom paraprofessionals and treatments which are not evidenced-based.

What are the costs or income limitations?

Applicants will be subject to a co-payment formula. The formula is based upon family income, less medical expenses, that exceeds 200% of poverty.

Are there waiting lists?

If there is insufficient funding to serve all qualified families, a wait list will be utilized. A family is placed on a wait list once an application is complete with all supporting documents and will remain on the wait list until funding is available.

How much is available?

Monthly allocations amounts are based on the plan type. Payments may be reduced if a child is eligible for school coverage or other collaboration or when a co-pay is in place.

This program may be used to supplement, but not replace Early Intervention, Medicaid, and school programs. A family may not receive funding from this program and the MHDS Self-directed Autism program at the same time.

How are services planned and coordinated?

Services will be coordinated between the chosen provider, the family, and your ATAP care manager. Treatment may take place in the home or a clinic settings and may be delivered within a group or directly to the individual child.

How are payments for services handled?

Families document the receipt of services by providers, which are paid by ADSD. Employees' actual payments, tax reporting etc. are handled by PPL Nevada, ATAP's fiscal agent.

What other requirements are there?

To participate in the program the family must agree to follow program rules, meet plan requirements and participate with data collection, intake and yearly videos and periodically standardized questionnaires and assessments.

Providers who provide evidence-based treatment include:

- Licensed Psychologist
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)
- Another professional who is overseen by the BCBA or a Licensed Psychologist
- A company which provides Behavior consultants which are overseen by a BCBA
- Speech Therapist (SLP)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Physical Therapist (PT)

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typically oversee a treatment model using ABA, VB, or PRT. The program may be comprehensive and may include social skill training, teaching daily living skills, addressing sensory issues, teaching skills to fill in learning gaps, address behavior issues, improve language and communication skills, facilitate peer interactions or may address an isolated behavior.

Speech Therapist Speech therapy can address a wide range of communication problems for individuals with autism. Children with ASD may have major problems with both speech and nonverbal communication. They may also find it very hard to interact socially.

Occupational Therapist Occupational therapy might include developing skill for handwriting, shirt buttoning, shoe tying, and fine and gross motor delays. Occupational therapists specializing in autism may also be trained in sensory integration or may work with their clients on play skills, social skills and more.

Physical Therapist Physical therapy helps to build or rebuild strength, mobility and motor skills. Children on the spectrum may have low muscle tone, or have difficulty with coordination and sports. These issues can interfere with basic day-to-day functioning — and they're almost certain to interfere with social and physical development. Children with autism are rarely physically disabled. Most children with autism do, however, have physical limitations.