

Autism Waiver

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- Approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and became effective 7-1-09
- Includes 8 services; services are available statewide
- \$22,000 cost cap
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations and Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies (Adaptive Equipment) are limited to \$5,000 per year, per individual
- Maximum participants annually 175; point in time is 150

Eligibility

- Be MO HealthNet (Medicaid) eligible as determined by Missouri Family Support Division under an eligibility category that provides for Federal Financial Participation (FFP)
- Live with family in the community and not be in placement
- Have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistics Manual of Mental Disorders
- Minimum age 3 and maximum age is 18 (in conjunction with budget language)
- Have behavioral and/or social or communication deficits that require supervision and that interfere with the ability to remain in the home and to participate in activities in the community
- Be determined to need ICF/MR level of care
- Need at least 1 waiver service each month

Services Available

- In-Home Respite
- Personal Assistant
- Behavior Analysis Service (New service)
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Out of Home Respite
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies (Adaptive Equipment)
- Support Broker
- Transportation

Behavior Analysis Service

Behavior Analysis Services are designed to help individuals who have behavior, social, and communication challenges to acquire functional skills to prevent hospitalizations or out-of-home placements.

Behavior Analysis Service

Behavior Analysis Service has 3
components:

- Senior Behavior Consultant Service
- Behavior Intervention Specialist
- Functional Behavioral Assessment
(FBA)

Senior Behavior Consultant Service

Service consists of design, monitoring, revision and/or brief implementation of 1:1 behavioral interventions described in the individual's behavior support plan. The service can include providing initial evaluation and programmatic direction for the development and implementation of the behavioral support portion of the Behavior Support Plan for individuals who have a history of reoccurring challenging behaviors, have severe aggression, are self-injurious, or have multiple behavioral challenges. The service can include ongoing consultation to family members, caregivers, personal assistants, and other significant figures to maintain and adjust the plan. Can also provide advanced expertise and consultation at critical points in the service delivery process such as assess a complex problem behavior, or problem solve the lack of progress or regression in the intervention.

Behavior Intervention Specialist

Service provides ongoing management of behavior analysis services. Includes providing face-to-face in-home training on the behavior support plan to families and/or primary caregivers who have responsibility for implementing the plan in the home or community setting. Training on activities of daily living such as hygiene, meals, school and/or community activities, at times and locations noted in the behavior support plan that are challenging. In more complex cases the Behavior Intervention Specialist is responsible for managing the direct implementation of the recommendations and strategies of a Senior Behavior Consultant, participating in the development of the behavior support plan and documenting the plan as a team participant. Also can serve as a bridge between the Senior Behavior Consultant and the other service providers and family.

Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)

Assessment to gather a written and oral history of the individual including data, that will lead to identification of possible controlling and contributing variables, and possible proactive, preventative and reactive strategies for the identified challenges of the individual referred for Behavior Analysis Services.

Behavior Analysis Service

- Not all children will need all 3 components of this service. The service needs would be identified during the planning team process.
- The Behavior Analysis service is authorized in 90-day increments and can be re-authorized a number of times; however, it is not intended to be an ongoing service.
- Some cases will not require the need for the advanced services of a Senior Behavior Consultant.
- The Behavior Intervention Specialist may develop the Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavioral Services plan without the oversight of a Senior Consultant. (Unless required by professional standards. Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst [BCABA] practice standards require supervision by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst [BCBA]).

Behavior Analysis Provider Requirements

Senior Behavior Consultant Doctorate:

- Related Missouri state license such as psychologist or physician (MD/DO) or certification required for the discipline.
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification, or state licensure or certification for the discipline.
- Doctoral degree in psychology, behavior analysis, special education, medicine, or closely related discipline from a nationally accredited institution.
- 5 years relevant experience in any combination of the following activities: as the lead in conducting descriptive behavioral assessments and interpreting results; designing, implementing, and monitoring ethical and effective behavior intervention programs for persons who have developmental disabilities; and supervising the implementation of behavior intervention programs by others.
- 10 hours annually of professional development in behavior analysis related topics.

Behavior Analysis Provider Requirements

Senior Behavior Consultant Masters:

- State licensed for the educational discipline if not Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification if not state licensed for the educational discipline.
- Masters degree in psychology, behavior analysis, special education, social work, or closely related discipline from a nationally accredited institution;
- 5 years relevant experience in any combination of the following activities: as the lead in conducting descriptive behavioral assessments and interpreting results; designing, implementing, and monitoring ethical and effective behavior intervention programs for persons who have developmental disabilities; and supervising the implementation of behavior intervention programs by others;
- 10 hours annually of professional development in behavior analysis related topics.

Behavior Analysis Provider Requirements

Behavior Intervention Specialist-QDDP w/Masters

- Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA)
- Qualified Developmental Disability Professional (QDDP) who has met the additional qualifications listed below may provide this service:
- Master's degree in a human service field from an accredited institution;
- Has 30 classroom hours or training about the characteristics, therapies, curriculum, assessments, and documentation involving individuals with ASD of which Positive Behavior Support training is required;
- Has a minimum of 2 years experience in the development and implementation of behaviorally-based therapies for individuals with ASD; and
- 10 hours annually of professional development in behavior analysis related topics

Behavior Analysis Provider Requirements

Behavior Intervention Specialist-QDDP w/Bachelors

- Bachelor's degree in a human service field from an accredited institution and who is a Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst (BCABA);
- Has 30 class room hours or training about the characteristics, therapies, curriculum, assessments, and documentation involving individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder of which Positive Behavior Support training is required;
- Has a minimum of 2 years experience in the development and implementation of behaviorally-based therapies for individuals who have Autism Spectrum Disorder; and
- 10 hours of professional development in related topics annually;

Behavior Analysis Provider Requirements

Behavior Intervention Specialist-QDDP w/Bachelors

Or

- Bachelor's degree in a human service field from an accredited institution and transcript verification of completion of the following with no less than a grade of C;
- Introduction to Behavior Analysis (or its equivalent introducing the principles of learning and behavior analysis and how they relate to the profession of applied behavior analysis);
- Applied Behavior Analysis (or its equivalent focusing on complex behavioral principles and issues surrounding the application of behavioral principles in the analysis and modification of behavior);
- A minimum of 2 years experience in the development and implementation of behaviorally-based therapies for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and
- 10 hours annually of professional development in behavior analysis related topics.

CMS Assurances

Assurances are the same as the other waivers

- Level of Care
- Service Plan
- Provider Qualifications
- Health & Welfare
- Financial Accountability
- Administrative Authority