

Allegheny County Office of Developmental Supports Diagnosis Eligibility Requirements

Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) registers eligible Allegheny County residents with Intellectual Disability (ID), Autism, Developmental Disability (DD) prior to age 9 and Medically Complex Condition (MCC) prior to age 22 to connect them to Supports Coordination and other supports and services.

Learn more at www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Developmental-Supports or the QR code above. There, find our brochure and related guides. You can email the ODS Community Liaison from the link provided. Reach an Intake Specialist, who will assess eligibility, at 412-253-1250. For general questions about ODS call 412-253-1399.

Connections to supports and services information and resources can be shared with all, regardless of eligibility. Contact the ODS Community Liaison at the link above or call 412-253-1251.



Intellectual Disability (ID)

A qualified professional must administer a standardized, formal intelligence test. Examples include: Woodcock-Johnson IV, full battery, Weschler or Stanford-Binet in which the overall full-scale IQ score is at least two standard deviations below the mean (70 or below) indicating subaverage general intellectual functioning. Testing must include:

- Diagnosis and Level of ID (Mild, Moderate, Severe, Profound).
- Adaptive Testing (ABAS or Vineland) indicating significant skill deficits in at least 2 of the following skill areas: communication, self-care, home living, social/interpersonal skills, use of community resources, self-direction, functional academic skills, work, leisure, health, and safety. (Both domain and subdomain scores must be included.)
- Indication that ID Diagnosis was present prior to the age of 22.
- Signature of the qualified professional that completed the testing.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

A qualified professional must certify the autism diagnosis based on the results of one or more diagnostic tools present in an evaluation. Eligibility criteria for Autism includes the following:

- Diagnostic testing that indicates an Autism Diagnosis. Examples include: ADOS-2, GARS, CARS, SRS-2, ASRS, GADS, ASDS.
- Adaptive Testing (ABAS or Vineland) indicating substantial limitations in at least 3 of the following major life activities: communication, self-care, learning, motor skills, self-direction, and capacity for independent living. (Both domain and subdomain scores must be included.)
- Medical Evaluation/Physical Examination completed and signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified register nurse practitioner that indicates the individual is recommended for ICF/ORC level of care (present on our physical form).
- Individual must be eligible for Medicaid/Medical Assistance (MA) as determined by the County Assistance Office. (CAO)
- Indication that ASD Diagnosis was present prior to the age of 22.
- Signature of the qualified professional that completed the testing.

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Developmental Disability (DD)

A qualified professional must certify that the child has a developmental disability, defined as a condition of substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism, likely to continue indefinitely and documented by a diagnostic tool.

- Adaptive Testing (ABAS or Vineland) indicating substantial limitations in at least 3 of the following major life activities: communication, self-care, learning, motor skills, self-direction, and capacity for independent living. (Both domain and subdomain scores must be included.)
- Medical Evaluation/Physical Examination completed and signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified register nurse practitioner that indicates the individual is recommended for ICF/ORC level of care (present on our physical form).
- Individual must be eligible for Medicaid/Medical Assistance (MA) as determined by the County Assistance Office. (CAO)
- The child must be 8 years old or younger.

Medically Complex Condition (MCC)

A qualified professional must certify that the individual meets the criteria for a medically complex condition, defined as a chronic health condition that affects three or more organ systems, and requires medically necessary skilled nursing intervention to execute medical regimens, uses technology for respiration, nutrition, medication administration, or other bodily functions.

- A licensed physician, developmental pediatrician, licensed physician's assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner must certify that the individual has a medically complex condition by providing the necessary medical documentation on the DP 1090.
- Adaptive Testing (ABAS or Vineland) indicating substantial limitations in at least 3 of the following major life activities: communication, self-care, learning, motor skills, self-direction, and capacity for independent living. (Both domain and subdomain scores must be included.)
- Medical Evaluation/Physical Examination completed and signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified register nurse practitioner that indicates the individual is recommended for ICF/ORC level of care (present on our physical form).
- Individual must be eligible for Medicaid/Medical Assistance (MA) as determined by the County Assistance Office. (CAO)
- The individual must be 21 years old or younger.