

Allegheny County Department of Human Services (AC DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) Requirements for Supports Coordination Services

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 services and other supports.

To apply, use the ODS online portal or call an Intake Specialist at 412-253-1250. Learn more and access the portal on the Frequently Asked Questions document at www.alleghenycounty.us/files/assets/county/v1/services/dhs/documents/dhs-offices/ods/ods-portal-faq.pdf.

For general questions call the ODS main number at 412-253-1399.

Learn more at www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Developmental-Supports or the QR code below. There find many informational documents. You can email the ODS Community Liaison from the link provided on that page.

Contact the ODS Community Liaison from the ODS webpage or call 412-253-1251 for connections to community resources.



Intellectual Disability (ID)

A qualified professional (licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, or licensed physician, including a developmental pediatrician or psychiatrist), must certify that the individual has significantly sub-average intellectual functioning based on a standardized, general intelligence test. **Brief or abbreviated IQ tests are not acceptable.** The state Office of Developmental Programs' approved intelligence testing includes: WISC-V, WAIS-IV, Stanford-Binet, 5th Edition, Differential Abilities Scale, 2nd Edition, CTONI-2, Leiter-3, Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (KABC), Woodcock-Johnson IV, full battery documented by:

- Performance that is more than two standard deviations below the mean of a standardized general intelligence test, which reflects a Full-Scale IQ score of 70 or below
- Clinical data, overall IQ score and standardized assessment scores for all testing performed.
- 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 areas of major life activity: Self-care, Communication (Understanding and use of language), Learning, Mobility, Self-direction and Capacity for independent living. (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.

****Please note that two (2) adaptive deficits are required to receive Supports Coordination services only. Three (3) adaptive deficits are required to receive waiver funded services. In addition, the individual must have Medicaid/Medical Assistance (MA) to be eligible for waiver funded services.**

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 include the following:

- Diagnostic testing indicates Autism Diagnosis. Examples include: ADOS-2, GARS, CARS, SRS-2, ASRS, GADS, ASDS and MIGDAS-2.
- Adaptive Testing (ABAS or Vineland) indicating substantial limitations in **at least 3** of the areas of major life activity: Self-care, Communication (Understanding and use of language), Learning,

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Mobility, 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).
- Individuals must have 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.

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 areas of major life activity: 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).
- Individuals must have 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 areas of 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).
- Individuals must have Medicaid/Medical Assistance (MA) as determined by the County Assistance Office. (CAO)
- The individual must be 21 years old or younger.