

# AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WAIVER

-birth through age 13

A 1915(c) CMS waiver

# PURPOSE

- The goal of this Medicaid waiver is to help families care for a child diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at home instead of having to place the child in a facility to receive needed care.
- This waiver is “parent-driven,” meaning parents or the primary caregiver determine what their family can or cannot do, and the parents or primary caregivers identify what it will take for the family to be able to keep their child at home.
- Parents or the primary caregiver, with the help of their team (family, professionals and others important to them), will determine which waiver services will assist the family the most in keeping their child home.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Anyone who meets all the following criteria may apply for waiver services:

- Child is between birth through 13 (qualifies until 14th birthday),
- Child is eligible to receive care in an intermediate care facility,
  - Determined by scores on the Vineland 3
- Child has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, and
- Child is living in their parents' or other legally-responsible caregiver's home.

# SERVICES PROVIDED

**Service Management** • A service to assist a family in completing the Participant Service Plan and to provide support to the family as needed.

**Respite Care** • Provides primary caregiver(s) with temporary relief from the stress of caring for a child with special needs.

**Assistive Technology** • Can be used to provide the child with devices or equipment that can help the child navigate daily challenges. • Can include a wide range of items, from swings and Kush balls, to communication devices and noise-cancelling headphones.

**In addition** • the child receives all the benefits of traditional Medicaid

# NEED TO KNOW

Waiver currently serves 96 children per year

11/01/2010 – 05/31/2014	total slots 30 (beginning of waiver)
06/01/2014 – 07/31/2017	total slots increased to 47
08/01/2017 – 12/05/2017	total slots increased to 59
12/06/2017 – present	total slots increased to 96

Cannot duplicate a slot – so if a child comes off in January, we cannot place another child in that slot until November (waiver new year)

- Added 11 children to waiver November 2019
- Will be able to add 14 children November 2020

# NEED TO KNOW

Currently the wait list has 62 children on the list

- In 2019 we had 30 children added to the waitlist
- In 2020 we have had 31 children added to the waitlist
  - If **no one** is added to waitlist from today till November 1 - the waitlist will be at 48.

Average time an applicant is on the waitlist is two years.

# BUDGET

	Appropriation	Spent
2009-2011	\$1,038,000	\$0
2011-2013	\$1,860,324	\$419,263
2013-2015	\$2,879,254	\$924,444
2015-2017	\$5,035,098	\$2,744,074
2017-2019	\$3,363,979	\$752,537
2019-2021*	\$2,564,772	\$358,398
	<b>\$16,741,427</b>	<b>\$5,198,716</b>
*Spent amount is through June 30, 2020.		

# QUESTIONS?