

## Iowa Autism Support Program

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The Autism Support Program (ASP) provides state funding for applied behavior analysis (ABA) services to children who are not eligible to receive ABA service funding through Medicaid or private health insurers and who meet certain diagnostic and financial eligibility criteria.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** - A child is eligible to receive assistance through ASP if:

- the child is under the age of fourteen (14) at the time of application
- the child has a diagnosis on the Autism spectrum made by a child psychiatrist, developmental pediatrician, or a clinical psychologist within 24 months of the date of application
- the child does not qualify for Medicaid
- the child does not have coverage available for ABA services through any private insurance carrier
- the child's family meets the income guidelines for the program (household income at or below 500% of the federal poverty level (FPL))

**FAMILY COST SHARE** - Families of children enrolled in this program may have a cost share (co-pay) based on income. Families with household incomes up to 200% of FPL have no cost share. Families with household incomes over 200% of FPL will have a cost share depending on family income. The family cost share ranges from 0.5% to 15% of the service cost. The cost share can be waived if a family can demonstrate financial hardship.

**BENEFIT LIMITATIONS** - ASP benefits are limited. They are available to an eligible child for a period of up to 24 months. The maximum benefit amount is \$36,000 per year.

**ABA PROVIDERS** - The program administrator maintains a list of Department-approved autism service providers who are qualified to provide ABA services under the ASP and have joined our provider network. Other qualified ABA providers may be enrolled in the provider network if they are enrolled as an Iowa Medicaid provider of ABA or are willing to become enrolled as an Iowa Medicaid provider. Services must be pre-authorized before they can be paid for with ASP funding.

**OTHER ASSISTANCE** - Once you apply for ASP, you will also be referred to the Iowa Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP) of the Child Health Specialty Clinics which can assist families with system navigation, care coordination or other autism-related needs. RAP teams are located in regional centers across the state and are available to provide services free-of-charge to families in all 99 counties.

**APPLY FOR ASP** - For more information or to apply for the program, contact the ASP administrator, Connie Fanselow, by email at: [cfansel@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:cfansel@dhs.state.ia.us) (email is the preferred method of communication) or call 515-201-1365 to request an application. You can also leave a message by calling 515-281-7277.