Applying for Autism Services in Pennsylvania

Checklist for Applying for Services through your county

When applying for autism services in Pennsylvania with your county, use this checklist to ensure you have the correct information and documentation.

Note: This checklist is a guide. You might be asked for other documents or information.

☐ **Documents with an Autism Diagnosis**
A signed evaluation from a doctor or licensed clinician *(i.e., licensed psychologist, developmental pediatrician, certified school psychologist, psychiatrist, licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner)* **that indicates an autism diagnosis.**

☐ **Adaptive Functioning Assessment**
Indication of skill deficits in three or more areas *(self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity of independent living)* **based on either:**

    ☐ Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales
    ☐ Adaptive Behavior Assessment System (ABAS)

☐ **Copy of birth certificate**

☐ **Copy of social security card or other documentation of citizenship status**

☐ **Copy of MA card and other insurance cards if you are also covered by private insurance or Medicare** *(The MA card might be an ACCESS card or a card from a Managed Care Organization. Some examples of Managed Care Organizations are AETNA Better Health, AmeriHealth Caritas, Gateway Health Plan, etc.)*

☐ **Picture identification**

☐ **Medical Evaluation** completed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified register nurse practitioner **that indicates the individual is recommended for ICF/ORC level of care.**

☐ **Custody documents** *(if applicable)*

☐ **Proof of Address** *(for example, utility bill, lease, etc.)*

If you do not have documentation of an autism diagnosis or proof of adaptive functioning, the county will provide you with resources that will assist you in obtaining the necessary assessments.

If you have additional questions, please contact your county of residence.