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**Summary of three Medicaid Waivers for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) who do not also have a diagnosis of mental retardation:**

Waiver 1: Coordinated Home and Community Supports for Persons with Autism

Waiver 2: Comprehensive Home and Community Supports for Persons with Autism

Waiver 3: Intensive Supports and Services for Persons with Autism

**Summary**

These three applications for autism waivers include the necessary services to support children and adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). These waivers cover a population not currently eligible for any other waiver the state currently participates in. The three waivers include traditional service-delivery and participant-directed options. The Connecticut Level of Need Assessment and Risk Screening Tool is the method used to determine that an individual meets the Level of Care criterion for enrollment in the waiver. The three waivers are differentiated by the level of supports required by individuals. The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the Single State Medicaid Agency responsible for oversight of all Medicaid waivers. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is the operating authority through an executed Memorandum of Understanding between the two state departments.

Under the waivers, individuals **currently** receiving services and funding from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in the Voluntary Services Program (VSP) will transfer and receive services from DDS. Individuals **currently** receiving services and funding from the DDS Autism Division will continue to be served by DDS. Individuals **currently** receiving services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) will continue with DMHAS. With the approval of the waivers, Connecticut will be able to seek federal reimbursement for 50% of the costs of these services under the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs.

**Eligibility**

- Medicaid eligibility
- Legal residency in the State of Connecticut
- A primary diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Impairment prior to age 22 years
- Impairment expected to continue indefinitely
- Cognitive and adaptive functioning equal to, or greater than, an IQ of 70
- Waiver 1 and 2 will serve individuals age 3 and above; Waiver 3 will initiate supports at age 8
- For children ages 3-7 a valid IQ cannot be determined. Eligibility for these children will be based upon a diagnosis of ASD and developmental delays. Once a child receives a valid IQ, and if their IQ is below 70, they will dis-enroll from this waiver and placed on another DDS waiver if capacity allows.

**Benefits**

- These waivers include traditional service delivery and participant-directed options and establish the "Connecticut Level of Need Assessment and Risk Screening Tool" as the method to determine that an individual meets the Level of Care criterion for enrollment on one of the waivers.

- The maximum annual funding allocation for individuals in these waivers is as follows:

**Waiver 1 Funding level up to \$35,000.**

**Waiver 2 Funding level \$35,000-\$80,000.**

**Waiver 3 Funding level \$80,000 and above.**

- Service options include:

- Community Companion Homes
- Live-in Companion
- Respite
- Supported Employment
- Adaptive Technology
- Clinical Behavioral Support Services
- Community Transition Services
- Interpreter
- Job Coaching
- Life Skills Coach
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Other Goods and Services
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Personal Supports
- Short Term Crisis Stabilization
- Social Skills Groups
- Specialized Driving Assessment
- Specialized Evaluation and Consultation
- Continuous Residential Supports for waiver 3 only

Summary of Waiver Slots requested over three years:

<b>WAIVER 1:</b>	Total Slots	Reserved for VSP	Reserved DMHAS	Reserved Emergency
Year 1	108	26	10	2
Year 2	119	28	18	2
Year 3	127	30	23	2

<b>WAIVER 2:</b>	Total Slots	Reserved for VSP	Reserved DMHAS	Reserved Emergency
Year 1	41	16	17	2
Year 2	52	17	27	2
Year 3	64	19	37	2

<b>WAIVER 3:</b>	Total Slots	Reserved for VSP	Reserved DMHAS	Reserved Emergency
Year 1	15	9	4	2
Year 2	18	10	6	2
Year 3	21	11	8	2