



Autism Waiver Service Changes

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Changes To The Waiver

- The State of Kansas received direction from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to move three services from the Autism Waiver to the Medicaid State Plan Amendment.
- The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and The Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE) have been working to facilitate these changes.



Changes To The Waiver

- The three services moving from the Autism Waiver to the Medicaid State Plan Amendment are:
 - Consultative Clinical and Therapeutic Services (Autism Specialist)
 - Intensive Individual Supports
 - Interpersonal Communication Therapy*
 - *Interpersonal Communication Therapy is covered as speech therapy under the EPSDT provisions.



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- The three services that continue to be part of the Autism Waiver are:
 - Respite Care
 - Family Adjustment Counseling
 - Parent Support and Training



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- Provider training requirements have updated as follows:
 - The State Approved Training will include more than K-CART training.
 - All services will have a greater range of State Approved trainings.
 - Providers can submit a training they believe meets or exceeds the qualifications of the K-CART training for State review.



Impact on Children with Autism

- More children will be able to receive Autism related services.
 - Children on the Proposed Recipient list who are currently receiving Medicaid will have access to the three State Plan core services*
 - Children from other waivers such as IDD and SED will also have the potential to access the three State Plan Services**.
- *Medical necessity will still need to be determined for the services to be offered.
- ** Services from the State Plan cannot duplicate waiver services.



Next Steps

- KDADS/KDHE will compile the comments received today along with all other submitted comments.
 - KDADS/KDHE will address public concern and make changes to the Autism Waiver/State Plan Amendment as needed.



Next Steps

- The Autism Waiver and State Plan Amendments will be submitted to CMS for approval. KDADS/KDHE will work with all Kansas partners to ensure a smooth and functional transfer of services from the Autism Waiver to the State Plan Amendment.



Feedback about changes

- You can email comments and questions to Samuel.Philbern@ks.gov



Questions?

- What questions of understanding do you have?



What do you like about these changes?



What concerns you about these changes?



What should the State keep in mind
as it moves forward?



Additional Feedback

- Comments and questions:
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Thank you!