



Home and Community Based Services
Autism Waiver Renewal
Public Comment Session

Today's Purpose

- ▶ Provide an overview of HCBS Autism Waiver Renewal including what changes are being considered and how they may be implemented.
 - ▶ Answer your questions and gather your comments about the changes before submitting the final document.
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What to Expect Today

- ▶ 2 hours, no break, feel free to get up as needed. Refreshments are available.
- ▶ The Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) will do a brief presentation on the changes.
- ▶ A short question and answer period will follow.
- ▶ The floor will be opened up to hear your feedback on the changes before submitting the final documents to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)



Proposed Changes

HCBS – Autism Waiver Renewal

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Home and Community Based Services
Community Services & Programs
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- Brandt Haehn, Community Services and Programs Commissioner
- Kimberly Pierson, HCBS Director/ TA Waiver Program Manager
- Program Staff
 - John Barry, Autism / Physical Disability Waivers
 - Greg Wintle, Intellectual/Developmental Disability Waiver
 - Ashley Kurtz, TBI Program and TBI Rehab Facility/Private and Public ICF-I/DD
 - Claire Magee, Frail Elderly Waiver / PACE program



Autism Program

▶ Purpose of Waiver:

- Provides early intensive intervention services for children with diagnosis of autism.

▶ Target Population:

- Children age 0 through 5 years with diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder or PDD-NOS

▶ Program Limitations:

- Maximum of three (3) years
- Possibility of one (1) time, 1 year extension (4th year)
 - Based on Autism Specialist recommendation;
 - MCO recommendation; and
 - Program Manager approval
- Children on the Autism program may be eligible to transition to another waiver.
 - If the transitioning program has a waitlist, the child may bypass the waitlist pending program manager approval/program eligibility

Program Purpose

Program Limitation

Autism Waiver Process

▶ Point of Entry

- KVC, KDADS, MCO care coordinator (if already receiving Medicaid)

▶ Functional Eligibility

- Assessment conducted by KVC

▶ Program Eligibility

- Program manager provides final approval of program eligibility

▶ Waiting List

- No, “Proposed Recipient List”

▶ Process

- Family submits Preliminary Application to Autism Program Manager
- Program Manager notifies family when child placed on “proposed recipient list”
- Program Manager notifies family when services are offered.
- Program Manager sends referral to KVC for level of care assessment.
- Family completes/submits Medicaid paperwork to DCF.
- DCF notifies desired Managed Care Organization (MCO) and child begins services.

Access/ Eligibility
Assessment

Proposed Changes

- ▶ HCBS Settings Final Rule – Transition Plan
- ▶ Roles/Responsibilities Clarification (MCO/Autism Specialist)
- ▶ Reserved Capacity for Military Personnel
- ▶ Reserved Capacity for Temporary Stay
- ▶ Mitigation of Conflict of Interest
- ▶ Restraints/Seclusion Policy and Language
- ▶ Updated Requirement for Background Checks
- ▶ Language Changes to Provider Qualifications
- ▶ Distance Technology Supervision Possibility

HCBS – Transition Plan

- ▶ KDADS developed workgroup has met to assess the process for surveying, assessing and working with providers to assist with compliance for the HCBS Settings Final Rule
- ▶ KDADS continues to examine the process and work with stakeholders and will provide updates as the process develops.
- ▶ Autism Waiver Specifics:
 - Services are not delivered in provider owned and controlled settings
 - HCBS-Autism Waiver settings will be presumed compliant in HCBS Transition Plan
 - KDADS is working with stakeholders on a plan for assessing all settings for the HCBS-Autism Waiver that will potentially be affected across waivers

Roles/Responsibilities for MCO/Autism Specialist Service Plan Development

- ▶ KDADS has updated the HCBS-Autism waiver Service Plan Development requirements to reflect already common practice within Individualized Behavior Plan/Plan of Care (IBP/POC) development for each child
- ▶ Language developed in the waiver brings IBP/POC development into post-KanCare implementation practice that reflects the current process
- ▶ Autism Specialist will complete the Criterion Based Reference Assessment and work with the child/family to develop IBP
- ▶ MCO will authorize final POC
- ▶ This current process was developed to mitigate conflict of interest between service plan development and service delivery

Reserved Capacity for Military Personnel

- ▶ HCBS–Autism Waiver does not have a Waitlist similar to HCBS–Physical Disability (PD) or HCBS–Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) Waivers
- ▶ In the event that the HCBS–Autism Waiver develops a waitlist, appropriate steps will be taken to allow active military personnel to bypass the waitlist

Reserved Capacity for Temporary Stay

- ▶ KDADS has reserved capacity for those participants who are admitted to non-HCBS settings (i.e. hospitalization)
- ▶ Participants who enter into this type of setting will be allowed to remain in these types of facilities for the remainder of the month of admission and two (2) months following without being terminated from the waiver
- ▶ If admitted for a longer stay services may be terminated

Conflict of Interest

- ▶ All HCBS waivers must be compliant with CMS requirement of Conflict of Interest
- ▶ Historically HCBS–Autism Waiver was developed in a manner to be free of conflict
- ▶ No provider who develops an IBP/POC can deliver services that are identified in that IBP/POC.
- ▶ Services identified in an IBP/POC developed by an Autism Specialist (AS) may not be delivered by the same AS who developed the IBP/POC

Restraints / Seclusions

- ▶ KDADS posted policy for public comment earlier in 2015 / shared information in past public information sessions
- ▶ Policy language is posted in waiver on KDADS website

Background Checks

- ▶ Currently all service providers are required to demonstrate a clear background with:
 - Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)
 - Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - Child Protective Services (CPS)
 - Nurse Aid Registry
 - Motor Vehicle Screen
- ▶ All above checks will remain requirements
- ▶ Any provider found to have been convicted of a “prohibited offense” (KSA 39-970 & 65-5117) will not be reimburse for services

Intensive Individual Supports (ISS) Provider Qualification Changes

- ▶ Current Requirement:
 - Sixty (60) College Credit Hours
 - 1,000 hours experience working with a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Completion of State Approved Curriculum
 - Work under the direction of an Autism Specialist
 - Medicaid Enrolled Provider
 - MCO Contracted Provider
 - Clear Background Checks

IIS Provider Qualification Changes

- ▶ Proposed Requirement
 - 1,000 documented hours working with a child with ASD
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - 18 years of age or older
 - Completion of State Approved Curriculum
 - Work Under Direction of AS
 - Medicaid Enrolled Provider
 - MCO Contracted Provider
 - Clear Background Checks

Autism Specialist Provider Qualification Changes

- ▶ Current Requirements:
 - 2,000 hours of supervised experience working with a child with ASD
 - Master's Degree
 - Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
 - Completion of State Approved Curriculum
 - Medicaid Enrolled Provider
 - MCO Contracted Provider
 - Clear Background Checks
 - Exception Can Be Requested to Waive 1,000 Hours of Supervised Experience for those who are BCBA

Autism Specialist Provider Qualification Changes

▶ Proposed Changes

- 1,000 hours of supervised experience working with a child with an ASD
- Master's Degree
- BCBA or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst
- Completion of State Approved Curriculum
- Medicaid Enrolled Provider
- MCO Contracted Provider
- Clear Background Checks

Use of Distance Technology

- ▶ Program Manager Approval Required
 - Must demonstrate that there are no service providers within a 50 mile radius of the family's home
- ▶ Must be HIPPA compliant service delivery method
- ▶ Services
 - Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Autism Specialist)
 - Family Adjustment Counseling
 - Parent Support and Training (peer to peer)

Please send all comments
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Resources

For updates on the Autism Waiver Renewal and other KDADS HCBS programs visit:

[http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/hcbs-current-news](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/hcbs-current-news)

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