Comparison of Medicaid Programs that Serve Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

	Adult Autism Waiver	Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)	Consolidated and PFDS Waivers	OBRA Waiver
Eligibility – Diagnosis	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)[1]	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)[1]	Intellectual disability (also known as mental retardation)	The OBRA Waiver is currently closed. For questions about individuals who are currently receiving services through the OBRA waiver, please contact Sharon Tomforde at (717) 783-8391 or stomforde@state.pa.us If providers have questions about the waiting list and the impact that may have on individuals, please send questions to the following email account with the words "OBRA Waiver Waiting List" in the subject line: ra-act150review@state.pa.us
Eligibility – Level of Care	Either Intermediate Care Facility for people with Other Related Conditions (ICF/ORC) or Intermediate Care Facility for people with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR), IQ score is not considered.	Either Intermediate Care Facility for people with Other Related Conditions (ICF/ORC) or Intermediate Care Facility for people with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR), IQ score is not considered.	ICF/MR	
Eligibility – Financial	Medical Assistance Financial Eligibility requirements for long-term care participants	Medical Assistance Financial Eligibility as determined by the County Assistance Office (CAO) (Long Term Care requirements do not apply)	Medical Assistance Financial Eligibility requirements for long-term care participants	
Eligibility – Age	21 and older	21 and older	3 and older	
Geographic Area	Statewide	Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and Chester counties	Statewide	
Type of Program	1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver	ACAP is a Home and Community-Based Services program that provides physician, behavioral, and community services through an integrated approach to create a coordinated system of supports	1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers	
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Medical and Behavioral Health Services	Services are offered through HealthChoices and Behavioral HealthChoices managed care organizations or Medical Assistance fee for service. **Providers must receive training specific to supporting adults with an ASD.**	The ACAP provider and their network of providers provide medical, dental, behavioral health and home and community-based services. Several services, such as pharmacy, will continue to be provided through Medical Assistance. **Providers must receive training specific to supporting adults with an ASD.**	Services are offered through HealthChoices and Behavioral HealthChoices managed care organizations or Medical Assistance fee for service.	
Covered Home and Community-Based Services	• Assistive Technology • Behavior Specialist Services • Community Inclusion (similar to community integration and habilitation) • Community Transition Services • Day Habilitation • Environmental Modifications • Family Counseling • Family Training • Job Assessment and Finding • Nutritional Consultation • Residential Habilitation • Respite • Supported Employment • Supports Coordination • Therapies (Speech, Occupational, Counseling) • Temporary Crisis Services • Transitional Work Services The AAW does not include an individual cost limit, or cap. However, there are service limitations for some specific waiver services as outlined within the Participant Handbook.	• All physician services (including emergency services provided by a physician, psychiatric services, and direct access to a woman's health specialist to provide women's routine and preventive health care services) • Certified Registered Nurse Services • Intermediate Care Facility (ICF services) • Nursing Facility Services • Non-emergency medical transportation to services covered under the Medical Assistance Program • Optometrists' services • Chiropractors' services • Audiologist services • Dentist services • Health Promotion and Disease Prevention services • Medical supplies and durable medical equipment • Prosthetic eyes and other eye appliances • Hospice services • Mental health crisis intervention services • Outpatient psychiatric clinic	• Assistive Technology • Behavior Support Services • Education Support Services • Home Accessibility Adaptations • Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations • Unlicensed Home and Community Habilitation • Home Finding • Homemaker/Chore • Licensed Day Habilitation • Licensed Residential Habilitation (Consolidated only) • Unlicensed Residential Habilitation • Nursing Services • Prevocational Services • Respite • Companion • Specialized Supplies • Supported Employment • Supports Broker Services • Supports Coordination	

		services • Respiratory services • Targeted Case Management • Assistive Technology • Behavioral Support (similar to Behavioral Specialist Services in waiver) • Community Transition Services • Crisis Intervention Services • Adult Day Habilitation • Environmental Modifications • Family Counseling • Habilitation • Homemaker/Chore services • Non-Medical Transportation • Personal Assistance Services • Pre-vocational Services • Residential Support (similar to Residential Habilitation) • Respite • Supported Employment • Supports Coordination • Visiting Nurse • Additional services determined necessary • Physical, Occupational, vision and mobility, and speech therapies (group and individual) • Certified nurse Practitioner • Podiatrist There is no individual cost limit, or cap. However, all services must be determined medically necessary and listed in the ISP.	• Therapies (Behavior, Occupational, Physical, Speech, Visual/Mobility) • Transitional Work Services • Transportation The PFDS Waiver includes an individual cost limit, or cap. All services funded through the PFDS Waiver, with the exception of Supports Coordination, may not exceed this limit for any participant during a fiscal year. The individual cost limit is currently $26,000 per participant per fiscal year. There are also service limitations for some specific waiver services.	