Is my child eligible for DDA services?

Ages 0-3
One qualifying developmental delay
OR...
• ESIT Eligible
• Medically Intensive Children’s Program (MICP)

You will need to reestablish eligibility for your child before age 4. Make sure to call DDA at 475-3490 to request a re-application packet. Fill it out and return it to maintain eligibility.

Ages 4-9
Three qualifying developmental delays
OR...
• Intellectual Disability
• Autism
• Cerebral Palsy
• Epilepsy
• Medically Intensive Children’s Program (MICP)
• Another neurological or other condition (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability

Qualifying Developmental Delays
Must be 25% or 1.5 standard deviations below average
• Physical skills (gross or motor)
• Self-help/adaptive skills
• Expressive or receptive communication (ASL included)
• Social/emotional skills
• Intellectual, cognitive, academic or problem solving skills

Ages 10-17
Any of the following eligible conditions
• Intellectual Disability
• Autism
• Cerebral Palsy
• Epilepsy
• Another neurological or other condition (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability
• Medically Intensive Children’s Program (MICP)

Your child’s eligibility may expire at age 10. If so, DDA will send you a Notification of Eligibility Expiration letter. Make sure to call them to request a re-application packet. Fill it out and return it to maintain eligibility.

Ages 18 and older
Any of the following eligible conditions
• Intellectual Disability
• Autism
• Cerebral Palsy
• Epilepsy
• Another neurological or other condition (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability

Eligibility will need to be reviewed before age 20. DDA will send you a Notification of Eligibility Review letter and consent form. Make sure to fill it out and return it well before your child’s 20th birthday to maintain eligibility.

If your child is receiving early intervention services s/he is eligible for DDA. Your FRC will help you apply.
**Autism**

**What diagnosis do I need?**
- Autistic disorder 299.00 per DSM-IV-TR or Autism spectrum disorder 299.00 per DSM-5 with a severity level of 2 or 3 in both columns.
- Need a full evaluation report, not just a diagnosis

**Who needs to make the diagnosis?**
- Board eligible Neurologist or Psychiatrist, Licensed Psychologist, Board Certified Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician, or a Developmental ARNP associated with an Autism Center

**What else do I need to know about Autism eligibility?**
- Evidence of delay or abnormal functioning prior to age 3 in social, language, communication skills or imaginative play
- AND an adaptive functioning assessment\(^1\) with a score of 69 or below
- AND Full Scale IQ of 84 or below or too severe to assess (for DSM-5 Diagnosis only)

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**Epilepsy**

**What diagnosis do I need?**
- Epilepsy or seizure disorder

**Who needs to make the diagnosis?**
- Board Certified Neurologist

**What else do I need to know about Epilepsy eligibility?**
- Uncontrolled and ongoing or recurring seizures
- AND an adaptive functioning assessment\(^1\) with a score of 69 or below

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**Intellectual Disability**

**What diagnosis do I need?**
- Intellectual Disability (previously known as mental retardation)

**Who needs to make the diagnosis?**
- Licensed Psychologist or Certified School Psychologist

**What else do I need to know about Intellectual Disabilities eligibility?**
- Psychological assessment with Full Scale IQ score of 69 or below OR to severe to assess
- AND an adaptive functioning assessment\(^1\) with a score of 69 or below

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**Cerebral Palsy**

**What diagnosis do I need?**
- Cerebral Palsy or similar brain damage that causes Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, or Diplegia

**Who needs to make the diagnosis?**
- Licensed Physician

**What else do I need to know about Cerebral Palsy eligibility?**
- Evidence of onset before age 3
- Must have need for daily physical assistance for any 2 of the following: toileting, bathing, eating, dressing, mobility or communication

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**Another Neurological or Other Condition**

**What diagnosis do I need?**
- A neurological or chromosomal disorder (including Down syndrome) that is known to cause intellectual and adaptive skills deficits.

**Who needs to make the diagnosis?**
- Licensed Physician

**What else do I need to know about other conditions eligibility?**
- Full Score IQ of 77 or below OR too severe to assess OR (if under age 20) evidence of significant academic delays in broad reading & math
- AND an adaptive functioning assessment\(^1\) with a score of 69 or below

\(^1\) ADAPTIVE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED BY DDA: Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales (VABS), Scales of Independent Behavior-Revised (SIB-R), Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP), Adaptive Behavior Assessment System (ABAS)

\(^2\) COGNITIVE TESTS REQUIRED BY DDA: Stanford-Binet, Wechsler Intelligence Scales (WISC), Differential Abilities Scale (DAS), Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (K-ABC), Das-Naglieri cognitive assessment system (CAS), Woodcock Johnson-III test of cognitive abilities (WJ-III(r))