

## Is my child eligible for DDA services?

### Ages 0-3

One qualifying [developmental delay](#)  
OR...

- ESIT Eligible

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

You will need to reestablish eligibility for your child before age 4. [Make sure to call DDA at 714-5000 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](#)
- [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 1

- [Intellectual Disability](#)
- [Autism](#)
- [Cerebral Palsy](#)
- [Epilepsy](#)
- [Another neurological or other condition](#) (including Down syndrome) similar to an Intellectual Disability

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 20<sup>th</sup> birthday to maintain eligibility.

## 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<sup>1</sup> 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**)

## 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 too severe to assess
- **AND** an adaptive functioning assessment<sup>1</sup> with a score of 69 or below

## 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<sup>1</sup> with a score of 69 or below

## 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**

## 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<sup>1</sup> with a score of 69 or below

<sup>1</sup> 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)

<sup>2</sup> 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))