

**BUREAU OF AUTISM SERVICES ADULT PROGRAMS:
ADULT AUTISM WAIVER
ADULT COMMUNITY AUTISM PROGRAM (ACAP)**

What are some of the differences between the Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) adult autism programs and other programs for adults in Pennsylvania?

- *Specifically designed to meet the needs of adults with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD)*
- *Administered at the state level directly by BAS*
- *Does not use IQ as an eligibility factor*
- *Providers required to complete autism-specific training & meet standards*
- *Clinical and technical assistance available to enrolled providers*
- *Service planning and measures of success based on individual goals*
- *Services based on proven approaches to help individuals realize their goals*

How are the Adult Autism Waiver & ACAP SIMILAR to each other?

*The features that make the Adult Autism Waiver and ACAP different in some way from other adult programs in Pennsylvania are the characteristics they share! The Eligibility requirements are also consistent between the two programs. To be **eligible** for either program, the **individual served must:***

- *Be a PA resident*
- *Meet functional eligibility*
- *Have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD)*
- *Be 21 or older*
- *Meet MA qualifications*

How are the Adult Autism Waiver & ACAP DIFFERENT from each other?

The Adult Autism Waiver is a traditional HCBS waiver designed to provide long-term services and supports for community living, tailored to the specific needs of adults with an ASD. The Adult Autism Waiver does not include physician services. On the other hand, ACAP is not a waiver. It is a managed care program that includes some innovative approaches to service provision. It provides physician, behavioral, and community services through an integrated approach to create a coordinated system of supports. Both programs use providers who are trained and sensitive to the needs of persons with an ASD.

Adult Autism Waiver	Adult Community Autism Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available statewide ▪ Priority given to individuals not receiving ongoing state/federally funded services ▪ Participant retains Health Choices; physical health services not included as a waiver service ▪ Choice of an enrolled provider for all services ▪ Does allow for residential 24/7 care if a need is determined through assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently available in 4 counties ▪ ACAP becomes the participant's health plan ▪ Integrated physical/behavioral health & community services ▪ Keystone Autism Services and their network of providers (e.g. primary care physicians) provide most services ▪ At intake, participant cannot require 16 or more hours of awake support