

# Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Individualized Funding Eligible Services

The intent of the program is to promote the child's independence and skill development. Funding provided is for evidence-based therapeutic interventions and needs-based child and family supports.

Parents/caregivers are responsible for the maintenance and review of their child's therapy/ intervention plan. It is recommended when considering services and expenses that a Registry of Autism Service Provider, or a regulated professional within the Saskatchewan Health Authority, school district, or the Athabasca Health Authority be consulted.

The following is a list of service providers, services, and expenses eligible under ASD-IF:

## Registry of Autism Service Providers

To be eligible under ASD-IF, the Autism Service Provider must be listed on the [Registry of Autism Service Providers](#) maintained by the Ministry of Health.

## Regulated Professionals\*

**Must be registered with their regulatory body and be a member in good standing.**

- Occupational therapists;
- Physical therapists;
- Speech language pathologists;
- Registered social workers;
- Psychologists; and,
- Tutors (minimum qualification is a Registered Professional Teaching Certificate and residing within Saskatchewan).

## Non-Regulated Professionals\*

- Behaviour Consultants certified with the [Behaviour Analyst Certification Board](#)); and,
- Equine Therapists (must have membership and certification with the [Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association](#)).

\*Families are encouraged to request proof of professional liability insurance from a non-regulated professional, as well as appropriate driver's license classification and registration on the vehicle, where applicable.

## Eligible Services and Expenses

The following services **must be recommended by and/or under the supervision or provision** of an Autism Service Provider or by a regulated professional within a school division, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or the Athabasca Health Authority. They include, but are not limited, to:

- A therapeutic program or service (group or individual);
- Therapeutic private pre-school or early learning services for the goal of achieving improvement in some domain of child development such as socialization, cognition, or other developmental skill building;
- Therapeutic camp/day camp or summer program;
- Sports/recreational fees, activities, and sports/fitness equipment;
- Computer hardware and software;
- Electronic equipment;
- Therapeutic equipment; and,
- Safety-related purchases \*\*for a child's personal safety (See also: **Services and Expenses Not Eligible**).

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## Other Eligible Services and Expenses

The following services and expenses **do not require recommendation**.

- Respite services (Respite provides parent and caregivers of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder with a break from the daily responsibility of caregiving).
  - It is recommended that respite providers be at least 12 years of age and have the emotional and intellectual maturity to provide alternate care to children.
- Registration for individual or group swimming lessons (parents are encouraged to confirm the instructor has the minimum qualification of a Bronze Cross designation with the Saskatchewan Life Saving Society and/or Red Cross);
- An attendant to support a child's participation at group or individual therapeutic programs;
- Family and caregiver training/coaching and education materials (courses, webinars, in-services etc.) that are specifically for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and,
- Travel costs to access services within Saskatchewan (e.g., funding for parents to travel in province to service providers, to pay service providers to travel to the family, meals, fuel, and/or accommodations).

## Disclaimer

The Ministry of Health manages the [Registry of Autism Service Providers](#), which is a list of regulated professionals in good standing with their regulated body, and non-regulated professionals having membership or certification from their applicable professional associations. Provision of funding for a type of therapy or inclusion of a specific provider on the Registry of Autism Service Providers is not an endorsement of the therapy or provider by the Government of Saskatchewan. Parents or caregivers are responsible for the selection of therapies and providers for their child and shall not have any claim against the Government of Saskatchewan for any damage, injury, or loss associated with the therapy or provider.

- For information related to applications and payments for the funding and eligible expenses, contact the Ministry of Social Services at 1-833-304-1774 or [autismif@gov.sk.ca](mailto:autismif@gov.sk.ca), or refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document on the website.
- For information regarding the Registry of Autism Service Providers, contact the Ministry of Health at 1-800-667-7766 or [info@health.gov.sik.ca](mailto:info@health.gov.sik.ca)

## Services and Expenses Not Eligible

**These services and equipment are not eligible, even if recommended or provided by an Autism Service Provider or by a regulated professional within a school division, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or the Athabasca Health Authority. Ineligible items include, but are not limited, to:**

- Basic needs (i.e., shelter, food, clothing);
- First Aid/CPR training;
- Naturopathic services;
- Vacations or tickets/trips to entertainment events;
- Medical services and equipment (e.g., incontinence supplies, medication, supplements, vitamins, special diets, etc.)\*;
- Travel to access non-intervention services(e.g., medical/dental appointments, kindergarten, or school);
- Household items, and property-related renovations/repairs/modifications, both indoor and outdoor\*;
- Purchase, registration, modification, or repairs of a vehicle\*; and,
- Therapy animals.

**\*(Please refer to Alternate Funding Sources link on the [Government of Saskatchewan Autism Services](#) webpage).**