How do I show that I have autism as an eligible condition? To be considered for eligibility under the condition of autism you must be age four or older and have a diagnosis by a qualified professional which meets the conditions in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, as well as subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this section:

(1) Autistic disorder 299.00 per the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, text revision (DSM-IV-TR); or

(2) Autism spectrum disorder 299.00 per the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fifth edition (DSM-5), with a severity level of 2 or 3 in both columns of the severity level scale.

(3) The condition is expected to continue indefinitely with evidence of onset before age three.

(4) An acceptable diagnostic report includes documentation of all diagnostic criteria specified in the DSM-IV-TR or DSM-5.

(5) DDA will accept a diagnosis from any of the following professionals:

(a) Board certified neurologist;
(b) Board certified psychiatrist;
(c) Licensed psychologist;
(d) Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) associated with an autism center, developmental center, or center of excellence;
(e) Licensed physician associated with an autism center, developmental center, or center of excellence; or
(f) Board certified developmental and behavioral pediatrician.