



Changes to DDA Enrollment Criteria: Coming October 2024

In June 2022, House Bill 2008 was passed, which requires the Developmental Disabilities Administration to stop using intelligent quotients, IQ, to determine DDA enrollment. Beginning October 7th, 2024, DDA will no longer use IQ to determine enrollment. DDA will rely on diagnosis and adaptive functioning only for enrollment eligibility.



Other changes made to DDA eligibility include:

- Enrollment for all qualifying conditions* is now available from birth to 3.
- Age of onset before 18 is now for all qualifying conditions
- The list of accepted adaptive assessments
- Expansion of list of people who can make a diagnosis:
 - ➔ For some conditions, and under specific circumstances, diagnoses can be accepted from COEs, NDS, ARNPs, and PAs. Additionally, a geneticist can make a diagnosis of another neurological or other condition similar to ID.
 - ➔ Diagnoses from prior to October 7th by a qualified diagnostician can be used.

*Qualifying conditions are defined as Developmental Delays, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, and Another neurological or other condition similar to Intellectual Disability.

Changes to diagnosis criteria (Effective October 7th, 2024)

- ▶ DDA now accepts **autism diagnoses** from a Center of Excellence (COE) as well as from a Naturopathic Doctor (ND), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), or Physician Assistant (PA) affiliated with an autism or developmental center.
- ▶ DDA now accepts **Cerebral Palsy diagnoses** from a ND, PA or ARNP associated with neurological practice.
- ▶ DDA now accepts diagnoses for **neurological conditions or other conditions similar to intellectual disabilities** from a ND, Geneticist, or ARNP or PA associated with a neurological clinic or genetic testing center.
- ▶ DDA now accepts **developmental delay diagnoses** from a ND, ARNP, or PA.

You, **the applicant**, are responsible for providing the information required to determine DDA eligibility.

How long does it take to completely a determination of eligibility through DDA?

DDA has up to 30 days from the submission of the final piece of requested documentation to determine eligibility.

To apply to be a client of DDA begin by submitting a Service and Information Request. To learn more visit <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/consumers-and-families/eligibility>.

If you need help or assistance reach out to your local DDA office. To find your local office visit <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-locations>.