

ODP-BSASP-Adult Autism Waiver Assistive Technology (AT) Service Snapshot



AT is an item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve an individual's functioning or increase an individual's ability to exercise choice and control.

Examples of AT:

Medication dispensers

Flashing alarms

Alert Bracelets

Adaptive keyboards

Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices

Cognitive aids, such as software or applications

WHY CONSIDER AT?

AT enables individuals to be safer, more independent, more productive, and more integrated in their communities. AT reduces or eliminates reliance on paid or natural supports. This increases consistency and decreases problems that occur with human supports. Many technology options today are discreet, allowing individuals to interact with their peers with minimally invasive support.

HOW TO SELECT AT:

Identify Goals



- What does the individual want to be able to do?
- Is there a specific need he or she wants to address?
- What safety risks does the individual face?
- What does the individual rely on others to do for him or her?

Identify Needs



- What help does the individual need to achieve his or her goals?
- What abilities or tools would reduce risk?
- What would enable more independence for the individual?

Identify Technology



- What tools can do what the individual needs?
- What tools support abilities or reduce identified risks?
- What tools enable the abilities the individual needs?

Service Limit: AT has an annual limit of \$3,000 per plan year. SCs supporting individuals who need items costing more than \$3,000 must contact BSASP regarding the exceptions process.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN OBTAINING AT:

- ❖ Is the device age appropriate?
- ❖ Is the technology to be used exclusively for the benefit of the individual?
- ❖ Is the tool the most affordable option?
- ❖ Is the tool the easiest option for the individual to learn?
- ❖ Can the item be tried first to see if it works for the individual? Refer to the [Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Lending Library](#)

HOW TO OBTAIN AT:

1. Assess the Need:

- Identify the necessary technology.
- Determine whether other sources of funding, such as Medical Assistance, will pay for the item. Document inquiries and outcomes in the SC service notes.

2. Obtain the Evaluation (if required) and Invoice:

- If any single item costs more than \$750, obtain the required formal evaluation. SCs unsure about how to obtain an evaluation should contact BSASP.
- Inform an AT provider what technology is desired.
- Obtain an invoice from the AT provider. If an evaluation was performed, the cost of the evaluation should be included in the invoice. The invoice may be submitted to BSASP either before or at the same time as the critical revision to add the service.

3. Submit the Invoice and ISP Changes:

- If an evaluation was performed, enter the outcomes in the ISP in Other Non-Medical Evaluations.
- Enter the AT service, typically for 30 days, and manually enter the cost of the total invoice.
- BSASP will approve or deny the request or may request additional information.

4. Obtain the Device:

- Only after BSASP has authorized the service, the AT provider obtains the item(s).
- Once the device has been obtained, the AT provider bills PROMISe for the total cost outlined in the invoice.

5. Monitor the Use of the Device:

- Ensure the individual receives support to use the device.
- Regularly monitor to make sure the device is working properly and still meeting the individual's needs.