

List of Eligible Services and Expenses

Autism Spectrum Disorder Individualized Funding (ASD-IF)

Autism Spectrum Disorder Individualized Funding (ASD-IF) can be used to purchase a range of approved, evidence based therapeutic interventions and family supports.

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

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

Eligible Therapeutic Services

The following therapeutic services are eligible expenses under ASD-IF when provided by Autism Service Providers listed on the [Registry of Autism Services Providers](#)*:

- Occupational Therapists;
- Physical Therapists;
- Speech Language Pathologists;
- Registered Social Workers;
- Psychologists;
- Tutors (minimum qualification is a Registered Professional Teaching Certificate and residence within Saskatchewan);
- Registered Dietitians (excludes food or substance-related costs [Also see: [NOT ELIGIBLE LIST](#)]).
- Behaviour Consultants (certified with the [Behaviour Analyst Certification Board](#)); and
- Equine Therapists (must have membership and certification with the [Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association](#)).

*Registry of Autism Service Providers

To be an eligible expense for ASD-IF, parents or guardians **must** select an Autism Service Provider listed on the [Registry of Autism Service Providers](#). The Registry of Autism Service Providers is maintained by the Ministry of Health and includes regulated and non-regulated professionals who can both provide and recommend therapeutic interventions and supports for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

More information on the
Registry of Autism
Service Providers can be found
on saskatchewan.ca/autism.

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Other Eligible Services and Expenses that Require a Recommendation

The following services **must be recommended by and/or under the supervision or provision** of a regulated professional on the Registry of Autism Service Providers, within a school division, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Athabasca Health Authority, Autism Services Saskatoon, Autism Resource Centre, a Pediatrician, or the Family Physician.

Recommendations must be part of a child's therapeutic/intervention plan. Recommendation letters may be required to verify the expense or service is eligible.

- A therapeutic program or service (group or individual).
 - This may include, but is not limited to, all services listed in Eligible Therapeutic Services section above and: art therapy, music therapy, play therapy, vision therapy (under the supervision of an Optometrist), counselling services, etc.
- Therapeutic private 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.
- Sports/recreational fees, activities, and sports/fitness equipment.
- Computer hardware and software.
- Electronic equipment.
- Psychoeducational Assessment.
- Therapeutic materials or equipment including but not limited to, sensory-related materials, swings, deep pressure or weighted materials, adaptive seating, fidget/stim materials, compression bedding, adaptive clothing.
- Safety-related purchases for a child's personal safety (Also see: [Not Eligible List](#)).

Other Eligible Services and Expenses that Do Not Require a Recommendation

- Respite services (respite provides parents and caregivers of children with ASD 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.
 - Respite funds cannot be used to allow the parent/guardian to attend employment activities (work or job), or educational institutions.
 - Parents and guardians may hire family members to provide respite, but parents and guardians cannot be paid to provide respite for their child.
- Camp/Day Camp or Summer Programs for the purpose of skill development or socialization.
- 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 ASD.
- First Aid/CPR training for parents/caregivers.
- Travel costs to access eligible ASD-IF services within Saskatchewan (e.g., funding for parents to travel in- province to service providers, to pay in-province service providers to travel to the family, meals, fuel, and/or accommodations).
- It is recommended mileage be claimed at the rate established by Canada Revenue Agency.

Not Eligible Services & Expenses

The following 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).
- Naturopathic services.
- Child-care/respite services for siblings of child with ASD.
- Vacations or tickets/trips to entertainment events (e.g., museums, galleries, indoor playgrounds, concerts, festivals, movies/theatres, zoos, aquariums, science centres, tours, sporting events, arcades, exhibitions/fairs, cultural events, etc.).
- Medical services and equipment (e.g., dental services, incontinence supplies, medication, supplements, vitamins, special diets/food costs, etc.).*
- Travel costs to access non-intervention or ineligible services (e.g., medical/dental appointments, daycare).
- Household items, including appliances, security systems, and office equipment/supplies.
- Property-related renovations/repairs/modifications, both indoor and outdoor.*
- Televisions, video games, and video game systems.
- Telephone/telecommunications (e.g., home or mobile phone services, internet, etc.).
- Non-therapeutic equipment, and developmentally and/or age-appropriate items (e.g., games, toys, books, school supplies, etc.).
- Purchase, registration, modification, or repairs of a vehicle.*
- Therapy animals.
- Any out-of-province service or expense, including associated travel costs.
- Cancelled and late appointment fees.
- Cable and streaming service subscription fees (i.e., Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+, Crave, etc.).

***Please refer to Alternate Funding Sources link on saskatchewan.ca/autism.**

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.

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 service provider's vehicle, where applicable.

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