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Early Intervention (Part B) Ages 0-3

Does not require a diagnosis, just delay.

Will bill private health insurance and pick up any remaining fees.

Covers OT, PT, ST and behavioral/developmental interventions.

Private Health Insurance

Read the TACA Insurance booklet for complete details.

For evaluations and treatments that would be considered Standard of Care by the American Academy of Pediatrics, use the 299.00 ICD-9 Diagnostic Code.

For evaluations and treatments that are biomedical in nature, use the diagnostic code related to the specific medical condition.

School District (Part C) Ages 3-22

Funding through Dept of Ed.

Free to families.

Pays for all educational therapies, interventions and related services that are written into IEP.

Regional Centers CA only

Each RC can determine what services they fund. Generally, the RCs fund ABA, respite, diapers, and day care subsidy. Children with a "substantial" developmental disability qualify for RC services.

July 2009 cuts mean no "non-medical" therapies or educational services.

Medicaid Medwaivers

Medicaid will pay for medically necessary treatments like doctors, dentists, vision, prescriptions, lab tests, OT, Speech, Behavioral, PT, diapers but is income dependant. Waiver programs WAIVE the parent's income so that the disabled child qualifies.

Federal Programs

SSDI
Food Stamps/SNAP

You must qualify for these programs on income and disability. If you do qualify, you can get up to \$674 cash per month for SSDI and up to \$585 a month (for a family of 4) of Food Stamps.

Other State Funding

Most every state has another program for children with disabilities. Google search "developmental disabilities funding" and the name of your state.

Budget Tips

There are many ways to save money on your journey. Read all of our "Autism on a Budget" series articles and save where you can, so that when you must pay out of pocket, you can afford it.
www.tacanow.org/family-resources/autism-on-a-budget-series/

Grants and Scholarships

There are more than 25 national grants, and many more local grant programs available for children with ASD for various funding.

Google search for "autism scholarship" or "autism grant" and your state.

Tax Deductions

All medical appointment travel and costs, all disability-related reading materials, all therapists and therapy equipment, special diet foods, and much more, can be deducted on your taxes. Keep all your receipts!

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1. Who Pays for What?
 - a. <http://www.tacanow.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/who-pays-for-what-national.pdf>
2. Early Intervention – birth to age 3, full funding after billing your private health insurance.
 - a. <http://www.nectac.org/partc/partc.asp>
3. Private Health Insurance – never bill tests or treatments under ‘299. Autism’. Bill under the symptoms being treated.
 - a. <http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/health-insurance-coverage-on-a-budget/>
4. School District – ages 3-22, educational only, must be written into IEP to get funding.
5. SSDI, Food Stamps/SNAP – You must qualify for these programs on income and disability. If you do qualify, you can get up to \$674 cash per month from SSDI and up to \$585 a month (for a family of 4) of Food Stamps.
 - a. www.ssa.gov 800-772-1213
 - b. www.fns.usda.gov/snap/
6. Medicaid/Medwaiver pays medical, hospital, dental, behavioral, OT, PT and Speech, prescription, diapers, vision, and copays.
 - a. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidStWaivProgDemoPGI/MWDL/list.asp>
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8. Tax deductions – all medical appointment travel and costs, all disability-related reading materials, all therapists and therapy equipment, special diet foods, and much more, can be deducted on your taxes. Keep all your receipts!
 - a. <http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/tax-strategies-for-parents-of-kids-with-special-needs/>
9. Grants and Scholarships
 - a. <http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/autism-grants/>
 - b. Other funding
<http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/autism-on-public-assistance/>
9. Additional Links:
 - a. American Academy of Pediatrics - Standards of Care: <http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/aap-standards-of-care/>
 - b. Diagnostic Codes: <http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/billing-codes-that-work/>