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Re: Eligibility Fact Sheet for ASD

In order to find someone eligible for DDS Services with Autism, we require a letter or statement from a qualified professional (M.D., D.O. or Psychologist licensed by the Board of Psychology) diagnosing the individual with Autism. References to diagnoses made by someone else are not acceptable. The diagnosis must be made by the professional authoring the letter. Further, in the letter or statement, the diagnosis must be substantiated by listing symptoms from Cluster A and from Cluster B exhibited by the individual (page 50-51 in the DSM-5).

Upon receipt of the required documentation, review of all records, and an intake interview at the regional office, DDS will determine criteria for eligibility as a person with ASD.

If you have questions or concerns in the interim, please call the Regional Eligibility Coordinator, Tracey Daigneau at 508-866-8851.