



TO: Autism Waiver Service Providers and Home Health Agencies

RE: Autism Waiver Addition of Nutrition Service

The Autism Waiver serves Persons with Autism to provide home-and community-based services to individuals with autism who do not have an intellectual disability (individuals must have a full IQ score of 70 or higher).

A new service is being added to this waiver effective January 1, 2023.

Nutrition, as the service is defined, is the Clinical assessment and development of special diets, positioning techniques for eating, recommendations for adaptive equipment for eating and counseling for dietary needs related to medical diagnosis for participants and training for paid support staff to ensure compliance with the participant's dietary needs. The services are limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the state plan, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT), but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.

Prior Authorization:

This service is limited to four (4) units per calendar week with a maximum of 25 hours of service per year. Prior Authorization (PA) will be required from the DSS Autism Waiver Case Manager or Case Management Supervisor Michael Olesen at michael.olesen@ct.gov.

For home health agencies wishing to provide this service you must first be credentialed with Allied Community Resources and then enroll with Gainwell Technologies as an Autism waiver service provider.

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To enroll as an Autism Waiver Service provider, Home Health Agencies will enroll via the Enrollment Wizard on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site. From the Home page select Provider > Provider Enrollment or by clicking on the link below.

[Provider Enrollment \(ctdssmap.com\)](http://www.ctdssmap.com)

Reimbursement:

Procedure Code	Description	Rate
S9470	Nutritional Counseling, Dietitian visit	\$20.00 per 15-minute unit

Accessing Fee Schedules

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the "Autism Waiver Service Provider" fee schedule. To access the CSV file, click the CSV link, then select "Open file".

Questions:

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the CMAP Web site, please contact the



Questions? Need assistance? Call the Provider Assistance Center Mon–Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Toll free 1-800-842-8440 or write to Gainwell Technologies, PO Box 2991, Hartford, CT 06104
 Program information is available at www.ctdssmap.com

Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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