

Quick Guide to OPWDD Eligibility & Services

1. Complete OPWDD's transmittal form and application packet, including
 - Psychological testing from within past 3 years
 - Adaptive testing from within past 3 years
 - Medical/Specialty Comprehensive report documenting developmental history symptom course over time, and impact on adaptive functioning (for diagnoses other than Autism)
 - For Autism, a comprehensive specialty report including review of developmental history, educational, psychological, psychiatric and medical areas; developmental history of the autistic symptoms, course over the person's life, and the current presence, extent and severity of autism symptoms (namely communication and social difficulties, restricted interests or repetitive behaviors); AND a structured assessment via an interview of family members, observation of the individual, and the presence, extent and severity of the symptoms via **ADOS** or **ADI-R**.
 - Social History
 - If a psychiatric disorder or challenging behavior are also present, a statement about the extent that it interferes with adaptive functioning separate from the impact of the suspected developmental disability is needed (obtained from a Psychologist or Psychiatrist)
 - Current IEP
 - Annual Physical
2. Send application packet to:

LI-DDRO 415-A Oser Avenue, Hauppauge, NY 11788 Attn: Eligibility
3. Receive letter of Eligibility or Denial (denial can be appealed)
4. If eligible, set up Front Door Workshop and Front Door Assessment
by calling 631-416-3851
5. Complete Front Door process and begin accessing Family Support Services by contacting agencies listed in the Grant Book (available at www.lifssac.com) or by working with Non-Medicaid Service Coordinator
6. If child (under 18) is recommended for Medicaid waiver, work with Care Manager at Care Coordination Organization (CCO) to apply for Medicaid.
7. After getting Medicaid approval, work with Care Manager to apply for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver.
8. If pursuing Self Direction, find a broker to develop budget while Care Manager submits for approval for Self Direction
9. Meet quarterly with Care Manager to refine goals and services