
Adult Autism Treatment Account Program

Overview

- The Adult Autism Treatment Account (AATA) was established by the Utah Legislature with the passage of H.B. 86 during the 2020 General Session.
- The purpose and duties of the AATA are to administer, determine eligibility for, and award funding for the treatment of qualified individuals by awarding a grant from the program on behalf of an applicant to a qualified provider for adult autism treatment.
- Staff support for the AATA comes from the Utah Department of Health's Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN), in the Division of Family Health and Preparedness.
- The AATA consists of gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money made to the fund from private sources, interest earned on money in the account, and money appropriated by the Legislature.¹

Adult Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee

The purpose of the AATA Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise CSHCN on the implementation of the program.
- Make recommendations to the Legislature for improving the program.
- Make rules, in collaboration with CSHCN, to govern the administration of the funds.
- Recommend how grants should be awarded, the necessary qualifications of providers, and reporting requirements of the grant recipients to CSHCN.

Recent Activities

- Addition of the AATA Advisory Committee to the Boards and Commissions Website.
- Recruitment of qualified committee members to serve on the Advisory Committee.
- Submission of all committee member applicants to the Governor's Office for appointment.
- The proposed rule has been drafted and will be finalized once the Governor's Office appoints the committee members.
- The initial AATA Advisory Committee meeting will take place following the appointment of the committee by the Governor's Office.

Recommendations

- As the AATA Advisory Committee has yet to be appointed, there are no recommendations at this time.

Donations

- A donation from the Autism Council of Utah is expected at the end of 2020.

1. Funding was originally appropriated by the Legislature during the 2020 General Session; however, this funding was removed during the Fifth Special Session (S.B. 5001 Budget Balancing and Coronavirus Relief Appropriations Adjustments).