

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR AUTISM WAIVER SERVICE COORDINATION

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	February 23, 2026
<b>Contract Number and Title:</b>	N/A

<b>Procurement Type:</b>	Sole Source
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<b>Term:</b>	Through June 30, 2027
<b>Renewals:</b>	None

<b>Estimated Value of Contract:</b>	Over \$100,000
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Medical Assistance Reimbursement - Restricted Funds
<b>Department:</b>	Special Education Department

**Description:**

- Autism Waiver Services Coordination in Maryland is a specialized case management service for children (ages 1-21) with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), providing support to access home and community-based Medicaid services.
- Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is responsible for providing the coordination of these services, but the services are paid from Medical Assistance funds to the community provider providing the services. HCPS contracts these services through The Coordinating Center (TCC).
- TCC assists families in accessing authorized services like respite care, environmental modifications, and intensive individual support services.
- Additionally, TCC monitors the children's progress, facilitates annual re-evaluations for eligibility, and ensures services are coordinated across different providers.
- Service coordinators are responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the children's service plan, as well as conducting home visits.
- The total annual expenditure will depend on the needs of the district and availability of funding and is expected to exceed \$100,000.
- Given the highly specialized nature of these services and the absence of comparable providers locally, this procurement is considered a sole source.

**Recommended Award To:**

The Coordinating Center	Millersville, MD
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