# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual C-800: Neurodevelopmental and Psychological Services

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## C-802: Autism Spectrum Disorder Supports

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### C-802-6: Autism Spectrum Disorder Supports Settings, Fees, and Allowable Hours

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#### Exceptions to the 20-hour Limit

When necessary and clearly documented by the VR counselor, an exception can be made to the limitation of authorizing no more than 20 hours of ASD Support services at a time. For example, if a provider is conducting a summer social and vocational skills group that requires 30 hours, the VR counselor documents this as the justification for the exception in a RHW case note.

No additional review or approval is necessary for this first exception.

If more than one exception to the 20-hour limit is determined necessary for the same customer, the VR Supervisor must approve the additional hours. Approvals are limited to no more than 20 hours at a time and must be clearly documented.

Note: At any time in the process, the VR counselor may staff the case with the regional point of contact for the Neurodevelopment Disorders team for guidance and support on the provision of services.

VR Supervisor approval is also required to purchase any of the following assessments or services more than once:

* ABA Evaluation (Social Skills or FBA)
* ASD Supports Plan
* Autism Psychological Battery
* Environmental Work Assessment (EWA)

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### C-803-5: Challenging Behavior Services

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#### Intervention

After an assessment is submitted and approved by the VR counselor, intervention:

* may be provided individually, in a group setting (the ratio between facilitators and customers cannot be greater than one therapist to six customers), or both; and
* ordinarily does not to exceed 60 intervention hours over the lifetime of the case,

If more than 60 intervention hours over the lifetime of the case are required, the VR counselor must:

* consult with the state office neurodevelopmental specialist; and
* document the justification in an RHW case note

Hours that are completed for a Pre-ABA Needs Determination or an assessment are not included in the 60-hour limit.

Billable direct hours may include direct intervention that is provided either individually, in a group setting, or both, but are not to exceed 60 hours.

Billable indirect hours may include the following, but are not to exceed three hours per month:

* Meetings, phone calls, and emails exchanged with the VR counselor
* Collecting and graphing data and writing progress reports
* Group indirect hours paid at the level of provider's individual rate (indirect hours are for an individual in a group, for example, a record review, graphing data, or writing a progress report)

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