

**§6002. Autism spectrum disorder and autism defined**

**1. Generally.** "Autism spectrum disorder" or "autism" means a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by symptoms that typically present in the early developmental period and result in clinically significant impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning, including:

A. Deficits in social communication and social interaction; and [PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (NEW).]

B. Restricted repetitive behaviors, interests and activities. [PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (NEW).]  
[PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (RPR).]

**2. Adult with autism spectrum disorder; adult with autism.** "Adult with autism spectrum disorder" or "adult with autism" means an adult who has received a diagnosis that meets the diagnostic criteria of autism spectrum disorder, as set forth in department rules.

A. [PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (RP).]

B. [PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (RP).]  
[PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (RPR).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1983, c. 824, §U (NEW). PL 2007, c. 309, §1 (RPR). PL 2023, c. 89, §10 (RPR).

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