

FINAL DECISION

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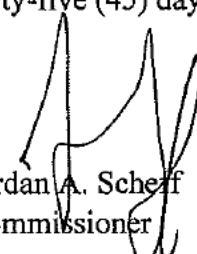
RE: Final Decision

Dear [REDACTED]

On April 6, 2026 the proposed decision of the hearing officer regarding the eligibility of [REDACTED] to receive services of the Department of Developmental Services was sent to you and all parties. Parties had ten (10) business days from receipt of the proposed decision to submit comments in support or opposition. Comments were submitted by the petitioner. No comments were submitted on behalf of DDS.

After reviewing the record including the proposed decision, exhibits, comments, and transcript, I agree with the hearing officer, adopt the Proposed Decision as the Final Decision, and find that [REDACTED] is ineligible for services of the Department of Developmental Services pursuant to Connecticut General Statute section 1-1g.

If you do not agree with this decision, you have the right, in accordance with Section 4-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to appeal to the Superior Court. Such an appeal must be submitted within forty-five (45) days of the mailing of this final decision.


Jordan A. Scheff
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Attorney Wendy Mongillo, Hearing Officer
Kathleen Murphy, Ph.D., Director, Eligibility Unit
Margaret Rudin, Ph.D., Psychologist Eligibility Unit
Attorney Marjorie O. Wakeman, Director, Legal & Government Affairs

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
ELIGIBILITY HEARING

IN RE: [REDACTED]

April 6, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

On April 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. a hearing was held at the Department of Developmental Services, 460 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, Connecticut and remotely, via Microsoft Teams, to determine the eligibility of [REDACTED] for services from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g. The request for hearing was filed by the Applicant on July 22, 2025.

Name of Attendees:

[REDACTED]

Applicant's Mother

[REDACTED]

Applicant

Dr. Margaret Rudin

DDS Psychologist Eligibility Unit

Statement of Issues

Is [REDACTED] eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services?

Exhibits Entered Into Evidence

The following documents were presented by the parties and admitted into evidence as full exhibits by the undersigned hearing officer:

HO-1	Denial dated 11/17/2025
HO-2	Request for hearing dated 11/18/2025
HO-3	Notice of hearing dated 11/24/2025
DDS-1	DDS Eligibility Application dated 7/22/2025
DDS-2	DDS Denial Letter dated 11/17/2025
DDS-3	Second Review by Dr. Margaret Rudin, PHD dated 11/13/2025
DDS-4	Evaluation team Report 10/05/2022
DDS-5	Pediatric Progress Notes 11/30/2022
DDS-6	DMHAS Consultation 7/28/2025
DDS-7	Transfer Checklist 07/30/2025

Finding of Facts:

The exhibits entered into evidence, along with sworn testimony at the hearing result in the following findings:

1. The Applicant is a resident of the State of Connecticut as he resides in the Town/City of [REDACTED] Connecticut.
2. At the time of the hearing, the Applicant, born [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years [REDACTED] months old.
3. That the Applicant was administered the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children - Fifth Edition (WISC-V) in [REDACTED] when he was [REDACTED] years of age and he received a Full Scale IQ Score of 89. (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 4)
4. That at age [REDACTED] the Applicant was in a tragic accident whereby he was struck by a car and suffered significant injuries resulting in a diagnosis of a Traumatic Brain injury. (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 4)

5. That the Applicant was subsequently administered the Comprehensive Test of Non-Verbal Intelligence, Second Edition (C-TONI-2) on [REDACTED] when he was [REDACTED] years of age and he received a Full Scale IQ score of 71. (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 4)
6. That since the accident the Applicant needs help with all aspects of daily living including eating. (Testimony [REDACTED] DDS Exhibit 4)
7. That the Applicant has been accepted and is currently on the waiting list for DHMAS services. (Testimony [REDACTED])

Definition of Intellectual Disability:

According to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g, in order to be eligible for supports or services from the Department of Developmental Services for an intellectual disability, an individual must demonstrate significant limitations in intellectual functioning **and** deficits in adaptive behavior that originated **during** the developmental period before eighteen years of age (emphasis added).

Discussion:

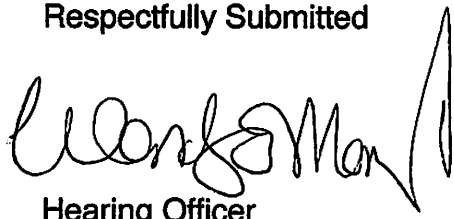
While the Applicant may require assistance, guidance and support there is not documentation in the records to establish that he is intellectually disabled pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes. There is not information provided to show that his deficits in intellectual function and adaptive behaviors were significant enough to fall within the intellectually disabled range during his developmental period. As such the statutory requirements of the Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g have not been satisfied in the present case.

Conclusion:

The Applicant is not eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services based on intellectual disabilities as he does not meet the criteria for services as defined in Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g. The Applicant, however, has been reportedly found eligible for service through the State of Connecticut's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

This decision shall be submitted to all parties and the Commissioner. The parties may submit written comments in support or opposition to this proposed decision within ten days of receipt hereof.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Mongillo", with a long, sweeping vertical stroke extending upwards from the end of the signature.

Hearing Officer

Wendy Mongillo