

COLORADO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) MEDICAID WAIVERS: CHILDREN WAIVERS

Medicaid is a health care program for low income Coloradans. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for one of the Medicaid Program categories in order to qualify for benefits. Major program categories include Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Medicaid Only, Colorado Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Baby Care/Kids Care, Aid to the Needy Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Old Age Pension. To apply for Medicaid, contact your local County Department of Social/Human Services.

Waiver programs provide additional Medicaid benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits and criteria, and tells you how to apply for Medicaid under a waiver. For some people, a waiver is the only way to qualify for Medicaid.

Clients must meet financial, medical, and program targeting criteria to access services under a waiver. The applicant's income must be less than \$2,094.00 (300%, or three times, the Supplemental Security Income allowance) per month and countable resources less than \$2,000 for a single person or \$3,000 for a couple. The applicant must also be at risk of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID (Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). To utilize waiver benefits, clients must be willing to receive services in their homes or communities. A client who receives services through a waiver is also eligible for all basic Medicaid covered services except nursing facility and long-term hospital care. When a client chooses to receive services under a waiver, the services must be provided by certified Medicaid providers or by a Medicaid contracting managed care organization. The cost of waiver services cannot be more than the cost of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID.

Each waiver has an enrollment limit. There may be a waiting list for any particular waiver. Applicants may apply for more than one waiver, but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. Anyone who is denied Medicaid eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Talk to your County Department of Social/Human Services if you wish to exercise your right to appeal.

Name of Waiver	CHILDREN'S HCBS WAIVER (CHILDREN'S HCBS)	HCBS – CHILDREN WITH AUTISM WAIVER (HCBS-CWA)	CHILDREN'S EXTENSIVE SUPPORT WAIVER (HCBS-CES)	CHILDREN'S HABILITATION RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM WAIVER (HCBS-CHRP)	WAIVER for CHILDREN with a LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESS (HCBS-CLL)
What is the primary purpose of this waiver?	To provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community for disabled children who would otherwise be ineligible for Medicaid due to excess parental income and/or resources. Children must be at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement. Children must meet additional targeting criteria.	To provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community for children with a medical diagnosis of Autism . Children must meet additional targeted criteria.	To provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community for children with developmental disabilities or delays that are most in need due to the severity of their disability . Children must meet additional targeted criteria.	To provide habilitative services for children and youth in foster care who have a developmental disability and extraordinary needs . Children must be at risk for institutionalization.	To provide Medicaid benefits in the home for children with a life limiting illness . To allow the family to seek curative treatment while the child is receiving palliative care
What ages are served?	Birth through age 17	Birth through age 5	Birth through age 17	Birth through age 20	Birth through age 18
Who is served?	Disabled children in the home at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement.	Children medically diagnosed with Autism with intensive behavioral needs who are at risk of institutionalization in an Intermittent Care Facility (ICF)	Children with intensive behavioral or medical needs who are at risk of institutionalization. Children, birth through age 4, must have a developmental delay. Children, 5 through 17, must have a developmental disability.	Children age 0-20 years of age, who are in the custody of the County Department of Human/Social Services, residing in an out-of-home CHRP approved placement and have a developmental disability (developmental delay age 0-4).	Children with a life limiting illness who can be safely cared for in the home and who are at risk of institutionalization in a hospital
What is the active enrollment cap on the program?	1,308 Children	75 Children	393 Children	160-200 Children	200 Children
Where to apply?	County Department of Human/Social Services, Options For Long Term Care - also known as Single Entry Point Agencies (SEP), Community Centered Boards, and Private Case Management Agencies.	Community Centered Boards	Community Centered Boards	County Department of Human/Social Services for children and youth in out-of-home placement	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies
Is there a waiting list?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
What is the Level of Care Requirement?	Nursing facility or hospital level of care.	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Diagnosed with Autism Under 6 years of age	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.	Hospital level of care with a life limiting illness where death is highly probable before adulthood.
Who determines the eligible person's needs?	Case Manager Family Primary physician	Case Manager	Client Case manager Family or legal guardian	County Department of Human/Social Services	• Family or legal guardian
What waiver services are available?	Case management In Home Support Services (IHSS)	Behavioral Therapies	Adapted Therapeutic Recreation and Fees Assistive Technology Behavioral Services Community Connector Home Accessibility Adaptations Homemaker Parent Education Personal Care Professional Services (includes Hippotherapy, Massage & Movement Therapy) Respite Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Vehicle Modification Vision Services	The waiver is designed to assist children/youth to acquire, retain, and/or improve self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to live in the community through the inclusion of one or more of the following habilitative services: Cognitive Services Communication Services Community Connections Emergency Services Personal Assistance Self-Advocacy Supervision Services Travel Services	Counseling/Bereavement Services Expressive Therapy Palliative/Supportive Care Respite Care
Who selects the service providers?	Family	Family	Family	County Department of Social Services	Family Client
What type of plan is used?	Individualized Care Plan	Individualized Care Plan	Individualized Service Plan	Individualized Service Plan	Individualized Care Plan
Who provides case management?	Approved Case Management Agencies Approved Community Centered Boards	Community Centered Boards	Community Centered Boards	County Department of Human/Social Services	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies
What state/federal organizations administer this program?	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Department of Human Services, Division for Developmental Disabilities Services; Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare Services Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
What laws and regulations govern the program?	C.R.S. 25.5-6-901, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 – 310; Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.506	C.R.S. 25.5-6-801–805, as amended Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.519	C.R.S. 27-10.5-401, as amended; C.R.S. 25.5-6-401-411, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300-310 Department of Human Services, Division for Developmental Disabilities Services, 2 CCR 503-1; Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.503	C.R.S. 25.5-5-306(1) (1995 Supp); C.R.S. 27-10.5-102(11) (1995 Supp) Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.508	C.R.S. 25.5-5-305 as amended; Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505, Section 8.504
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