What is the CAC Waiver?
In Minnesota, children and adults who are chronically ill or medically fragile and require the level of care provided in a hospital may be eligible to receive services in community settings, rather than hospitals.

Who is eligible?
To be eligible for the CAC Waiver, people must:
- Be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA)
- Be certified disabled by the Social Security Administration or State Medical Review Team (SMRT) process
- Be under the age of 65 at the time they are authorized to receive the CAC Waiver
- Be assessed through a screening process and determined to need the level of care provided in a hospital
- Be certified by the primary physician to meet the level of care provided in a hospital
- Have an assessed need for supports and services beyond those available through a standard Medical Assistance (MA) benefit set.

What services are offered?
In addition to the full range of services traditionally covered by Medical Assistance (medically necessary hospital care, physician care, prescription drugs, dental services, therapies, counseling, medical transportation), the CAC Waiver offers a variety of services based on need such as:
- Consumer directed community supports (CDCS)
- Family training and counseling
- Foster care
- Environmental accessibility adaptations
- Respite care.

People can receive a variety of services while living in their own home, the home of a relative or friend, or another community setting, such as a licensed foster care home.

Will these services take the place of other funding sources?
No. CAC Waiver services supplement, not replace, other funding sources such as insurance, Medical Assistance and Medicare.

What happens when a person on the CAC Waiver reaches age 65?
People who receive CAC Waiver services may choose to stay on the waiver when they turn 65 years old or go onto the Elderly Waiver (EW).

How do people apply?
People who are interested in receiving CAC Waiver services should contact their county social services agency to ask for a screening or additional information.

Visit https://mn.gov/dhs and search for “county, tribal and regional offices” or call the Disability Hub MN at 866-333-2466 for a list of county, tribal and regional offices.

Right to fair treatment
People have the right to fair, non-discriminatory treatment. The Department of Human Services cannot discriminate against anyone because of his or her race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, creed, political beliefs or because of physical, mental or emotional disability or status with regard to public assistance.
If a person feels discriminated against for any reason, a complaint may be filed with the:

Minnesota Department of Human Services
Office for Equal Opportunity
PO Box 64997
St. Paul, MN 55164-0997
651-431-3040 (voice)
651-431-3041 (TTY/TDD)
651-431-7444 (fax)
800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay Service)
877-627-3848 (Speech-to-Speech Relay)

or the:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office for Civil Rights, Region V
233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240
Chicago, IL 60601
312-886-2356 (voice)
312-353-5693 (TTY/TDD)
800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay Service)
877-627-3848 (Speech-to-Speech Relay)

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