Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Program
Helping people live as independently as possible in homes or community settings, not facilities

What is the DD Waiver?
In Minnesota, children and adults with a diagnosis of developmental disabilities or a related condition who require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Related Conditions (ICF/DD) may be eligible to receive services in community settings rather than in an ICF/DD. The DD Waiver offers services to help a person live as independently as possible in community settings.

Who is eligible?
To be eligible for the DD Waiver, people must:
- Be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA)
- Have a documented diagnosis of a developmental disability or a related condition
- Be assessed through a screening process and determined to need the level of services provided in an ICF/DD
- Need a 24-hour plan of care and a written service plan that assures health and safety
- Have an assessed need for supports and services beyond those available through 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 DD Waiver offers a variety of services based on need such as:
- Family training and education
- Environmental accessibility adaptations
- Respite care
- Supported living services.
People can receive 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. DD Waiver services supplement, not replace, other funding sources such as insurance, Medical Assistance and Medicare.

How do people apply?
People who are interested in receiving DD Waiver services should contact their county social services agency to ask for a screening or additional information.
For a list of county and regional offices, visit https://mn.gov/dhs and search for counties, tribal and regional offices or call Disability Hub MN at 866-333-2466 for a list of 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)
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Disability Services Division
PO Box 64967
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Disability Hub MN 866-333-2466
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