Community Access for Disability Inclusion waiver supports people with disabilities

Children and adults who have a disability and require nursing facility level care may be eligible for help. Instead of receiving care in a nursing facility, people can receive services in the community. It might be the person’s own home, biological or adoptive parent’s home, home of relatives (e.g., sibling, aunt, grandparent, etc.), family foster care home or corporate foster care home, or an integrated community supports setting. If married, a person may receive services while living at home with his or her spouse. The Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) waiver supports these options.

In state fiscal year 2020, an average of 29,493 Minnesotans were served on the CADI waiver each month at an average monthly cost of $3,638 in state and federal funds. A waiver allows states to obtain federal Medicaid matching funds to provide long-term services and supports to people in community settings instead of institutions.

Who is eligible for the CADI waiver?

Eligibility for the CADI waiver is determined through a screening process. To be eligible, a person must:

- Be on Medical Assistance (MA) or be eligible for MA based on the person’s own income or assets.
- Be certified disabled by the Social Security Administration or the State Medical Review Team.
- Be under the age of 65 years old when the person opens to the waiver for the first time.
- Require the level of care provided to people in a nursing facility.
- Have an assessed need for supports and services beyond those available through the MA state plan.
- Choose care and services in the community instead of a nursing facility.

Once eligibility is determined for the CADI waiver, certain questions must be asked about services including:

- Are the services necessary to ensure the person’s health and safety?
- Is the service covered by any other funding source, such as MA state plan services, private health care coverage, Medicare, education or Vocational Rehabilitation Service funding?
- Have all options been assessed and does this option meet the desires, needs and preferences of the person?
- Is the cost of the service considered reasonable and customary?
In addition to services covered by Medical Assistance, what other services are available through the CADI waiver?

- 24-hour emergency assistance
- Adult companion (service affected by Waiver Reimagine streamline service changes)
- Adult day service/Adult day service bath
- Caregiver living expenses
- Case management and case management aide
- Chore
- Community residential services (new Waiver Reimagine service)
- Consumer-directed community supports, a service option giving the person flexibility and responsibility to direct his or her own services and supports
- Crisis respite
- Customized living
- Day support services (new Waiver Reimagine service)
- Employment development
- Employment exploration
- Employment support
- Environmental accessibility adaptations
- Extended home care nursing
- Extended home health care services, including extended home health aide, and extended occupational, physical, speech and respiratory therapies
- Extended personal care assistance
- Family residential services (new Waiver Reimagine service)
- Family training and counseling
- Foster care (service affected by Waiver Reimagine streamline service changes)
- Home delivered meals
- Homemaker
- Housing access coordination (service will discontinue June 30, 2021 and is replaced by the housing stabilization services state plan program)
- Independent living skills therapies
- Independent living skills training (service affected by Waiver Reimagine streamline service changes)
- Individualized home supports, including 3 different options of support (service affected by Waiver Reimagine streamline service changes)
- In-home family support (service affected by Waiver Reimagine streamline service changes)
- Integrated community supports (new Waiver Reimagine service)
- Night supervision
- Personal support services (service affected by Waiver Reimagine streamline service changes)
- Positive support services
- Prevocational services
• Respite
• Specialist services
• Specialized equipment and supplies
• Transitional services
• Transportation

**How can people apply for the CADI waiver?**

Apply for the CADI waiver at your local county or tribal social service agency.

For accessible formats of this information or assistance with additional equal access to human services, write to dhs.info@state.mn.us, call 651-431-4300, toll-free 866-267-7655 or use your preferred relay service. ADA1 (2-18)