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 a customized living facility. 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 2018 an average of 24,896 Minnesotans were served on the CADI waiver each month at an average monthly cost of $3,124 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 goes on the waiver.
- Require the level of care provided to people in a nursing facility.
- Have an assessed need for supports and services over and above 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
- Adult day service/Adult day service bath
- Caregiver living expenses
- Case management and case management aide
- Chore
- 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
- Employment development
- Employment exploration
- Employment support
- Environmental accessibility adaptations
- Extended home care nursing
- Extended home health care services: extended home health aide, extended nursing, and extended occupational, physical, speech and respiratory therapies
- Extended personal care assistance
- Family training and counseling
- Foster care
- Home delivered meals
- Homemaker
- Housing access coordination
- Independent living skills training
- Individualized home support
- In-home family support
- Night supervision
- Personal support services
- Positive support services
- Prevocational services
- Respite
- Specialist services
- Specialized equipment and supplies
- Supported employment services
- Transitional services
- Transportation
How can people apply for the CADI waiver?

Apply for the CADI waiver at your local county public health or social service agency. The DHS Disability Services Division administers the CADI waiver.