

## Developmental Disabilities waiver supports people with developmental disabilities or related conditions

Children and adults with developmental disabilities or related conditions may be eligible for help. Instead of receiving care in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD), 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 a corporate foster care home. If married, a person may receive services while living at home with his or her spouse. The Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver supports these options.

In state fiscal year 2018, an average of 18,603 people were served on the DD waiver each month at an average monthly cost of \$6,292 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 DD waiver?

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

- Be on Medical Assistance (MA) or be eligible for MA.
- Be determined to have a developmental disability or a related condition.
- Require the level of care provided to people in an ICF/DD.
- Require daily interventions, daily services and a 24-hour plan of care.
- Need a residential habilitation service that must be included in the person's support plan.
- 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 an ICF/DD.

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

- Are the services necessary to ensure the person's health and safety?
- Will the services address skill development and/or skill maintenance?
- 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 DD waiver?

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- 24-hour emergency assistance
- Adult day service/adult day service bath
- Assistive technology
- 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
- Day training and habilitation
- Employment development
- Employment exploration
- Employment support
- Environmental accessibility adaptations
- Extended personal care assistance
- Family training and counseling
- Home delivered meals
- Homemaker
- Housing access coordination
- Night supervision
- Personal support services
- Positive support services
- Residential habilitation: In-home family support and supported living services
- Respite
- Specialist services
- Supported employment services
- Transitional services
- Transportation

## How can people apply for the DD waiver?

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

For accessible formats of this information or assistance with additional equal access to human services, write to [dhs.info@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.info@state.mn.us), call 651-431-4300, toll-free 1-866-267-7655, or use your preferred relay service.