

Section 4:

Medicaid Waiver Services

What are waiver services?

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are a Medicaid entitlement program providing medical care and services for individuals diagnosed with a disability or for older lowans needing additional support. HCBS is designed to allow individuals to remain in their home and community, rather than medical institutions.

What does it mean to have services?

Having services means you can utilize the services based on what waiver you have been approved for. For example, if you qualify and are placed on the Health & Disability waiver, you can access the services provided on that specific waiver. If you need services provided by a different waiver, you will want to look at applying to the waiver that best fits your needs.

Who qualifies for waiver services?

Waiver qualifications are based on the disability or chronic health condition of the individual. You must be an Iowa resident to qualify for Iowa Waiver Services. Financial eligibility is based on the income of the individual, not the household income. To learn more about the HCBS Waiver Program, please read the HCBS Waiver Program brochure, "[Are Home- and Community-Based Services Right for You?](#)"

What waivers are available?

Iowa currently supports eight HCBS waivers. Please note not all Medicaid service providers will support all the waivers listed.

AIDS/HIV Waiver (AH)

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome/Human Immunodeficiency Virus Waiver (HCBS AIDS/HIV) provides service funding and individualized supports to maintain eligible members in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution.

Target Population: Children and adults diagnosed with AIDS or HIV.

Ages: All

View the link for a list of available services [AIDS/HIV Waiver information packet](#).

Brain Injury Waiver (BI)

Provides service funding and individualized support to maintain eligible members in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution. Provision of these services must be cost effective.

Target Population: Children and adults diagnosed with a brain injury by accident or illness.

Ages: One month or older

View the link for a list of available services [BI Waiver information packet](#).

Children's Mental Health Waiver (CMH)

Identify and provide services and supports that are not available through other mental health programs and services that can be used in conjunction with traditional services to develop a comprehensive support system for children with serious emotional disturbance. These services will allow children in this targeted population to remain in their own homes and communities.

Provision of these services must be cost effective.

Target Population: Children diagnosed with serious emotional disturbance.

Ages: 0-17

View the link for a list of available services [CMH Waiver information packet](#).

Elderly Waiver (E)

Provides service funding and individualized support to maintain eligible members in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution. Provision of these services must be cost effective.

Target Population: Adult 65 years of age or older.

Ages: 65 and up

View the link for a list of available services [Elderly Waiver information packet](#).

Health & Disability Waiver (HD)

Provides service funding and individualized support to maintain eligible persons in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution. Provision of these services must be cost effective.

Target Population: Children and adults diagnosed with a physical or other medical disability.

Ages: 0-64

View the link for a list of available services [HD waiver information packet](#).

Intellectual Disability Waiver (ID)

Provides service funding and individualized support to maintain eligible members in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution. Provision of these services must be cost effective.

Target Population: Children and adults diagnosed with an intellectual disability.

Ages: All Ages

View the link for a list of available services [ID waiver information packet](#).

Physical Disability Waiver (PD)

Provides service funding and individualized support to maintain eligible persons in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution. Provision of these services must be cost effective.

Target Population: Adults diagnosed with a physical disability.

Age: 18 to 64

View the link for a list of available services [PD waiver information packet](#).

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Comparison Chart:

https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/MHDS_Medicaid_HCBS_Program_Comparison_Chart.pdf?11112021144