

## Developmental Disability Waiver

Source: MN Department of Human Services

The DD Waiver provides funding for home and community-based services for children and adults with developmental disabilities or related conditions. Assessed waiver service needs, as identified in the person's service plan, may be provided in a person's own home, in his/her biological or adoptive family's home, in a relative's home (e.g., sibling, aunt, grandparent, etc.), in a family foster care home or corporate foster care home.

Who is eligible for DD Waiver services?

Eligibility for DD Waiver services is determined through a screening process. To be eligible for DD Waiver services, a person must meet all these criteria:

- Be determined to have a developmental disability or related condition
- Be determined to likely require the level of care provided to individuals in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD)
- Be eligible for Medical Assistance
- Make an informed choice requesting home and community-based services instead of ICF/DD services

What else is important for participation in the DD Waiver?

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

- Are the services necessary to ensure the recipient's health, welfare and safety?
- Have all options been assessed and does this option meet the individual desires, needs and preferences of the person?
- Is the cost of the service considered reasonable and customary?
- Is the service covered by any other funding source, for example, Medical Assistance state plan services, private health care coverage, Medicare, education or Vocational Rehabilitation Service funding?
- Will the services address skill development and/or skill maintenance?

In addition to services covered by Medical Assistance, what services are available through the DD Waiver?

- Adult day care
- Assistive technology
- Caregiver training and education
- Case management
- Chore services
- Consumer-directed community supports
- Consumer training and education
- Crisis services
- Day training and habilitation services
- 24-hour emergency assistance
- Extended personal care assistant services
- Homemaker services
- Housing access coordination
- In-home family support services
- Live-in personal caregiver expenses
- Modifications to the home or vehicle
- Personal support
- Respite care
- Specialist services
- Supported employment services
- Supported living services
- Transitional services
- Transportation services

How can persons apply for the DD Waiver?

You can apply for the DD Waiver at your local county social service agency. The DHS Disability Services Division administers the DD Waiver. The number of people that may be served through the DD Waiver can vary depending on the federally approved plan and state legislative funding levels.

If you are unable to find information about Disability Services Division programs and services. E-mail [DHS.Dsdtahelp@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.Dsdtahelp@state.mn.us).