

## Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver

In response to the COVID-19 peacetime emergency, DHS has updated policy/procedures and issued related instructional bulletins to ensure continuity of care for people in Minnesota who access services. These changes:

- Allow LTSS assessments and reassessments to be conducted remotely ([March 23, 2020, eList](#))
- Allow case management visits to be conducted remotely ([April 6, 2020, eList](#))
- Prevent eligibility in LTSS programs from being terminated ([June 22, 2020, eList](#)).

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<b>Legal authority</b>	<a href="#">Federally approved DD Waiver Plan</a> , <a href="#">Minn. Stat. §252.27</a> , <a href="#">Minn. Stat. §256B.092</a> , <a href="#">Minn. R. 9525.0004 to 9525.0036</a> , <a href="#">42 CFR 483.440</a>	
<b>Definition</b>	<b>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver:</b> Program that provides home and community-based services to children and adults with a diagnosis of a developmental disability or a related condition who require the level of care provided in an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD). These services are an alternative to institutionalization. The services help a person live as independently as possible in community settings and promote optimal health, independence, safety and community integration.	
<b>Eligibility</b>	To be eligible for the DD Waiver, a person must choose to live in the community and meet all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be eligible for <a href="#">Medical Assistance (MA)</a> based on a disability or other eligibility status (refer to the MMIS codes for HCBS waiver/AC program eligibility section on <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver/AC programs overview</a>).</li> <li>• Be certified disabled by <a href="#">Social Security or the State Medical Review Team (SMRT) process</a>.</li> <li>• Have a developmental disability or a related condition as defined in <a href="#">Minn. R. 9525.0016, subp. 2</a>.</li> <li>• Be assessed using MnCHOICES or a DD screening and be determined to need the <a href="#">level of care</a> provided in an ICF/DD.</li> <li>• Require daily interventions, daily service needs and a 24-hour plan of care that is specified in the support plan.</li> <li>• Have an assessed need for <a href="#">habilitation</a>, which must be included in the support plan.</li> <li>• Have an assessed need for supports and services beyond those available through the MA state plan.</li> </ul>	
<b>Covered services</b>	Services under all waiver/AC programs must meet the requirements listed in the services section of <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver and Alternative Care programs overview</a> . The following services are covered under the DD Waiver. For a service-specific policy page, select a service from the list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">24-hour emergency assistance</a> (includes <a href="#">personal emergency response system [PERS]</a>)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Adult day services</a> (includes <a href="#">family adult day services</a>)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Adult day services bath</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Assistive technology</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Caregiver living expenses</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Case management</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Case management aide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Chore services</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community residential services</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Consumer directed community supports (CDCS)</a></li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Secondary information</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Minn. R. 9525.008, subp. 3</a> requires services and supports be designed and delivered consistent with Rule 185 case management goals. DHS does not reimburse <a href="#">short-term admission to an ICF/DD from the DD Waiver</a> or respite care. For additional information about Rule 185 case management, refer to <a href="#">CBSM – Rule 185 case management</a>.</p>
<p><b>State and lead agency responsibilities</b></p>	<p>Refer to the state and lead agency responsibilities section on <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver/AC programs overview</a>.</p>
<p><b>Waiver forms</b></p>	<p>For a list of forms applicable across and/or specific to waiver programs, refer to <a href="#">CBSM – Forms for LTSS assessment, eligibility and support planning</a>.</p>
<p><b>Process and procedures</b></p>	<p>Refer to <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver, AC and ECS general processes and procedures</a> for specific information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access</li> <li>• Assessments and reassessments</li> <li>• Support planning</li> <li>• Authorization</li> <li>• Changing waiver programs</li> <li>• 65 years of age</li> <li>• Person’s own home requirements</li> <li>• Out-of-state services</li> <li>• Local trade area – using providers from a bordering state</li> <li>• Termination.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional resources</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Program Brochure, DHS-4849 (PDF)</a>  <a href="#">Case Manager’s Guide to Determining ICF/DD Level of Care for ICF/DD and DD Waiver Services, DHS-4147A (PDF)</a></p>

	<a href="#"><u>CBSM – Assessment applicability and timelines</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – DD Waiver waiting list guide</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – Financial management overview</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – MnCHOICES</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – Rule 185 case management</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – Waiver, AC and ECS general processes and procedures</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – Waiver/AC programs overview</u></a> <a href="#"><u>CBSM – Waiver/AC service provider overview</u></a> <a href="#"><u>DD Screening Document Codebook</u></a> <a href="#"><u>TrainLink – Self-paced online course: Rule 185 Foundations</u></a>
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