

An aged person or person with a disability has several Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver options. The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (DHHS-MLTC) is the State Medicaid agency and partners with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DHHS-DD) to administer Medicaid HCBS waiver programs.

A person can only be on one waiver at a time. A person may be on one waiver while waiting for availability of a different waiver.

To be eligible for any waiver, an applicant must:

- 1) Be a citizen of the United States of America or a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and be lawfully present in the United States;
- 2) Be a resident of the State of Nebraska; and
- 3) Be receiving Medicaid.

Applications can be completed and submitted online at www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov.

A person's needs are assessed using a level of care assessment to determine the person meets the level of care criteria required by the chosen waiver. This level of care assessment plus a second objective assessment help a person's team plan how much formal support is needed.

Aged and Disabled (AD) Waiver

Provides aged persons and persons of all ages with physical disabilities options for services and community supports, other than a nursing facility. This waiver provides an array of services to help a person live at home. A person must have physical and health needs that require nursing facility level of care.

Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

Allows persons of all ages with developmental disabilities to maximize their independence as they live, work, socialize, and participate to the fullest extent possible in their communities. A person must have a developmental disability and needs that require services like those provided by an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD).

Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver

Allows persons ages 21 and over with developmental disabilities to maximize their independence as they live, work, socialize, and participate to the fullest extent possible in their communities. A person must have a developmental disability and needs that require services like those provided by an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD).

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver

Provides persons between ages 18 and 64 with acquired brain injuries specialized assisted living services. A person must have a diagnosis after an acquired traumatic brain injury with a nursing facility level of care. Services include assistance with personal care activities and activities of daily living, such as escort services to medical appointments, essential shopping, health maintenance activities, housekeeping, laundry, dining, provision of medications, personal care, and transportation. **Currently there is only one Nebraska provider enrolled with the TBI waiver, which offers services at a specialized assisted living facility in Omaha; therefore the TBI waiver is not included in the comparison chart.**

A developmental disability is defined in Nebraska Revised Statute 83-1205.

It is a severe, chronic disability, including intellectual disability, other than mental illness that:

- 1) *Is due to a mental or physical impairment;*
- 2) *Began before age 22;*
- 3) *Is likely to continue;*
- 4) *Results in substantial limitations in three areas:*
 - a) *Conceptual skills;*
 - b) *Social skills; and*
 - c) *Practical skills; and*
- 5) *Results in need for special services and supports.*

SERVICES OFFERED ON EACH WAIVER	AD Waiver	CDD Waiver	DDAD Waiver
Adult Day provides social activities, supervision, and support. No teaching included.	-	Yes	Yes
Adult Day Health Care allows structured social, teaching, and health activities.	Yes	-	-
Assisted Living Service is provided by licensed facilities for residential and support services.	Yes	-	-
Assistive Technology provides equipment to increase daily skills and independence.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Child Care for Children with Disabilities for youth through age 17 allows a usual caregiver to be employed or attend school.	Yes	-	-
Chore Service helps with personal care and household tasks so you can remain at home.	Yes	-	-
Consultative Assessment for adults provides assessment and recommendations for challenging behaviors.	-	Yes	Yes
Day Habilitation teach skills to be get and maintain a job; includes Prevocational, Enclave, Supported Employment, Habilitative Workshop, and Habilitative Community Inclusion.	-	Yes	Yes
Environmental Modification Assessment determines home or vehicle changes to meet your needs.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Home Again/Transitional Services pays non-recurring set-up expenses so you can move from an institution to a private home or assisted living.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Home Delivered Meals provides meals to you at your home.	Yes	-	-
Home Modifications to your private residence to help you stay safe and do things yourself.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homemaker does household activities and home care to help your usual caregiver when they are absent or unable to manage your family home.	-	Yes	-
Independence Skills Management provides teaching in activities of daily living to help with skills which were lost. Provided in your home or group setting.	Yes	-	-
In-Home Residential Habilitation in your private home; includes Independent Living and Supported Family Living.	-	Yes	Yes
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) is a device used to call for help.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Residential Habilitation in a provider setting; includes Continuous Home, Host Home, and Shared Living.	-	Yes	-
Respite provides relief for your usual caregiver.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Specialized In-Home Residential Habilitation for adults temporarily unable to leave their home for day services; includes Behavioral and Medical.	-	Yes	-
Transportation provides rides to places in your community for non-medical purposes.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vehicle Modifications to your primary vehicle to meet your needs and keep you safe.	Yes	Yes	Yes

Once a person has been assessed and begins receiving Medicaid HCBS Waiver services, he/she receives service coordination through or under contract with DHHS. A Service Coordinator is assigned to help the person choose, receive, and monitor the services needed. The Service Coordinator helps plan services and coordinates the person's support team. The person decides who is on his/her team. The person can invite any family, friends, or organizations who support him/her. When the person has a guardian, he/she must be on the team.

A person's Service Coordinator has at least monthly contact to make sure services are going well. The coordinator may call or visit. The Service Coordinator will organize planning meetings at scheduled times. Additional meetings are held when the person needs to change something about his/her Medicaid HCBS Waiver services.