



Home and Community Based Services Waiver and Wait List Assessments

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Where we are from

Service and Support Administration determines eligibility for locally funded services as well as Medicaid funded support programs for people with developmental disabilities, while working closely with community agencies and organizations to help individuals and families identify and receive services they need for a healthy, safe and enriching life.



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Presentation Overview

Home and Community Based Services Waivers (HCBSW)

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- What do they do?
- How do I get one?

Wait List Assessments

- What are they used for?
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- What are the possible outcomes?



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What is a Waiver?

- A funding source administered through DODD.
 - Funds are managed locally by County Boards of DD, Service and Support Administration (SSA).
- Funding is used to pay for specific types of person-centered services and supports
 - Providing opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to live in the community settings of their choosing.
- Funding is made up in part by local County Boards of DD and Medicaid



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What do we call them?

- DODD administers three different waivers

Individual
Options Waiver
(IO)

Level One
Waiver
(Level 1)

Self-
Empowered Life
Funding Waiver
(SELF)



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What do they do?*



Types of Services	Examples of Services
Personal Care	Someone to help with activities of daily living
Adult Day Supports	Learning new things and going out in the community with other people
Employment	Help getting or keeping a job
Vocational	Learning and work experiences to develop skills for employment
Transportation	Help getting to places
Assistive Technology	Technology that supports health, safety and independence
Remote Supports	Tools to help provide care even when someone is not with you

* Partial list see resource materials at the end of the presentation



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Did you know, Medicaid Waiver addition

- Individuals seeking a DD waiver must meet the DD Level of Care
 - Level of Care is a non-financial eligibility requirement for Medicaid long-term care programs.
- Individuals must also meet the requirements for enrollment on Medicaid as determined by local Department of Jobs and Family Services.
- If not a current Medicaid recipient an application would need to be made prior to enrollment on a HCBSW.



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How do I get a waiver?

- Individuals or their guardians who are experiencing or think that they may have an unmet need may request that an assessment is completed using the Statewide wait list assessment tool.
- The Service and Support Administration is responsible for completing this assessment and exploring different ways that assessed needs may be met. This could be through local dollars, community resources or HCBWS.
- The HCBSW wait list rule creating the Statewide wait list assessment tool went into effect as of 9/1/2018.





Wait List Assessments



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What is a Wait List Assessment?

- A statewide tool used by County Boards of DD to determine if an individual has:
 - An **Immediate Need** -a situation creating risk of harm within the next 30 days
 - A **Current Need** -a situation creating a need now or up to 12 months in the future
 - **No Unmet needs** -at this time there are no unmet needs and none are anticipated within the next 12 months. There can be either no assessed needs, or the needs of the individual are being met by alternative resources/services.
 - **Not Eligible** -the person being assessed does not have a qualifying developmental disability.

All wait list assessments are reviewed by the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood Immediate Need Review committee before they are submitted to DODD and an outcome is assigned.

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Outcome: Immediate Need

If you have been identified to have Immediate Needs, this means that the County Board will be taking action to ensure that your immediate needs are being met through identified alternative services or by enrollment on to the identified and available waiver.



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Outcome: Current Need

- If you have been identified to have Current Needs that can only be met using a HCBSW, the County Board will begin the enrollment process onto the identified and available waiver. If one is not available, your name is placed on the HCBSW waiting list until the identified waiver becomes available.



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Outcome: No Unmet Need

- If you do not have either an Immediate Need or a Current Need, then you have not been identified for enrollment onto a HCBSW as available, and you will NOT be placed on the waiver waiting list. If and when your needs change, you would request a new wait list assessment. This is the same for individuals identified to have a current need being met by an alternative service or resource.





Outcome: Not Eligible

If you do not have a developmental disability or condition that is attributed to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments, not to include an impairment caused solely by mental illness that was present before 22 and is likely to continue indefinitely, than you are not eligible by rule for HCBSWs that require a DD Level of care.



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When should I have a needs assessment?

- Wait list assessments should be completed when an individual has had changes to their needs or anticipates changes to their needs within the next 12 months.
- If you have had a previous wait list assessment and the outcome did not result in placement on the HCBSW wait list or enrollment on a HCBSW, and your needs have changed or will change, you should request a new wait list assessment.
- The role of the SSA as the assessor is to connect families with services and supports that will help the family meet the identified unmet need, this includes connection to community resources, locally funded county board resources and HCBSW.



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Takeaways to remember

- At times, an identified unmet need does not fall within the parameters of HCBSW's service package. It is important to remember that needs can be met through various means, and HCBSW are not the only way to meet a need.
- When an individual is already supported on one of the HCBSW's and their needs change resulting in a situation where the current waiver does not meet their needs, their assigned SSA will work with them to identify alternative ways to meet the new or increased need and when necessary, complete a Wait list assessment.
- For individuals that are not yet connected to the County Board, or are connected and not enrolled on a HCBSW, the SSA department has specific SSA's to complete these wait list assessments as requested.



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Questions?



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Resources

[Waiver Comparison Chart 2022](#)

[Residential Options Counseling Pamphlet](#)



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