

Applying for Developmental Disabilities Services

How to apply for developmental disabilities services online

To apply for developmental disabilities services with DHHS follow these steps:

1) Start by clicking ACCESSNebraska wherever you see the icon.



2) You can enter the site in English or Spanish. Click ENTER in English to do so.

[ENTER in English](#) 

3) To apply for developmental disabilities services, click Developmental Disabilities Application.

A screenshot of the ACCESS Nebraska website home page. The top banner features a collage of diverse people and the ACCESS Nebraska logo. A sidebar on the right lists "Other Useful Links" including DHHS Programs, Community Service, Printable Forms, Community Partner, How to?/Tutorials, SNAP EBT/ReliaCard, and Contact Us. Below the banner is an "IMPORTANT NOTICE: EBT cards cannot be used be" (partially cut off). The main content area is a grid of service application boxes. An orange arrow points to the "Developmental Disabilities Application" box. The boxes include: My Account (View Current Benefits, View Correspondence, Select Correspondence Delivery Preferences, Complete Medicaid Renewal), Economic Assistance Application (Complete an application for most DHHS benefits, Re-apply for continuous benefits (Recertification/Review) for DHHS programs except for Medicaid), Developmental Disabilities Application (Complete an application for Developmental Disabilities Services), Healthcare/Medicaid Application (Apply for Medicaid, Federal Insurance Affordability Programs, or Qualified Healthcare plans), Do I Qualify? (Online assessment to see which programs may fit your needs, Determine if you qualify for any programs), Submit Documents (Upload/submit documents to DHHS, Must be currently applying or receiving benefits to use this feature), and Report Changes (Report changes in your household, Must be currently applying or receiving benefits to use this feature).

4) Instructions for the application will open in a new window. Once you have read all the instructions, click CONTINUE to apply online.

Welcome to ACCESSNebraska Developmental Disabilities Application

The application for DD Services is now available on the ACCESSNebraska website.

- This online application has replaced the previous 'referral' process. Therefore, the old 'referral form' is no longer necessary.
- An application for DD Services must be completed and signed by the applicant, the parent if the applicant is a minor child, or the applicant's court appointed guardian.
- The process of determining eligibility for DD Services does not begin until a signed application has been received by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Third Party Assistance:

If you are a third party providing assistance to an individual who's applying for DD Services, applications can also be submitted by one of the following ways:

- Printing and completing a paper copy of the application that's available on the [Developmental Disabilities public website](#). The applicant or legal guardian must sign the application.
- Contacting the Department of Health and Human Services using the toll free number (877)667-6266.
- Or go to any local DHHS office for assistance.

Supporting Documentation/Records:

After the Department of Health and Human Services receives your submitted application, DHHS may request documentation that's needed to determine eligibility for DD Services.

The types of documents which may be requested include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assessments for intellectual or adaptive behavioral functioning completed by a licensed psychologist
- Medical diagnoses prior to age 22 which have affected the applicant's ability to carry out activities of daily living
- Current or previous psychiatric diagnoses prior to age 22 which have affected the applicant's ability to carry out activities of daily living
- Educational reports such as Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) reports and Individual Education Plans (IEP)

After the application for DD Services has been submitted, the applicant or legal guardian may send records or documentation to support the applicant's eligibility to one of the addresses listed below:

Mail: DD Eligibility
PO Box 98947
Lincoln, NE 68509

Email: DHHS.DDEligibility@nebraska.gov

Fax: (402)742-8384

Select Continue to start the application process. After the application has been submitted, a Confirmation page with your confirmation number will be displayed. This confirmation number is proof that your application has been submitted.

CONTINUE

5) When you already have an ACCESSNebraska account, you can use it to apply.

Welcome to ACCESSNebraska Developmental Disabilities Application

This site allows you to apply for Developmental Disabilities Services. The process begins by creating an account or logging in using your ACCESSNebraska User ID and Password. By creating an account, your draft application will be available for you to complete for 30 days.

Establish a User ID and Password

- First, create your User ID (such as your personal email address) and set the password.

Choose your Security Questions

- Select and answer three security questions. If you forget your password, you can reset your password by answering the security questions correctly.

CONTINUE

6) Login using your existing account,

The screenshot shows the 'Login' page with two tabs: 'Returning User' and 'New User'. Under 'Returning User', there is a 'Please log In' section with the instruction 'Enter your User ID and Password to Login'. It includes input fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and links for 'Forgot User ID' and 'Forgot/Change Password'. Below these are 'Login' and 'Clear' buttons. An orange arrow points to the 'Login' button. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'THIS IS A GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SYSTEM. UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS IS PROHIBITED. ANYONE USING THIS SYSTEM IS SUBJECT TO MONITORING. UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS OR ATTEMPTS TO USE, ALTER, DESTROY OR DAMAGE DATA, PROGRAMS OR EQUIPMENT COULD RESULT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.....'

OR Create a new ACCESSNebraska account by following instructions.

This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but an orange arrow points to the 'Create an Account' link under the 'New User' tab. A text box on the right provides password requirements:

When creating a password, it must:

- Be between 8-10 characters long;
- Include at least 1 number, but the first character cannot be a number;
- Not include symbols;
- Not repeat any character sequence more than 2 times;
- Have at least 1 lowercase and 1 uppercase letter; and
- Not include: password, husker, or admin.

The screenshot shows the 'New Account Registration' page. It includes a language dropdown set to 'English'. The registration form has several required fields marked with an asterisk: First Name, Last Name, User ID, Password, Retype Password, Security Question 1, Answer 1, Security Question 2, Answer 2, Security Question 3, and Answer 3. There is a 'Password Rules' link next to the password fields. At the bottom, there are 'Create Account' and 'Cancel' buttons. An orange arrow points to the 'Create Account' button. A note at the bottom states: '*Items marked with asterisk are required fields.'


7) Once you are logged in, you will be asked if you want to change your password. Unless you want to create a new password, click CONTINUE.

Security

Your Log In was successful. You may click a link below or press continue.

- I want to change my password: [Change Password](#)

*** Warning: After changing your password, you will be logged off and then will need to log back on before continuing.**



8) Read the “Important Information” screen and click CONTINUE.

Important Information

This application is to determine eligibility for Developmental Disabilities Services (DD Services), as defined in [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-1205](#). This is not an application for:

- Medicaid
- Social Security
- Economic Assistance or
- Behavioral Health services

If you would like to apply for Medicaid or Economic Assistance please return to the ACCESSNebraska Menu and select the appropriate button.

Am I eligible for DD Services?

This decision is based on meeting the criteria in [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-1205](#):

- Intellectual Disability**
 - Diagnosis by a Clinical Licensed Psychologist is required.
 - Substantial limitations in three (3) or more major life activity areas as determined by adaptive assessments such as an ABAS, Vineland or SIB-R.

OR

- Developmental Disability**
 - May include a medical diagnosis such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, or certain genetic disorders such as Fragile X or Down syndrome
 - Substantial limitations in three (3) or more major life activity areas as determined by adaptive assessments such as an ABAS, Vineland or SIB-R.

The Intellectual Disability or Developmental Disability must be present in the developmental years prior to the age of twenty-two (22).

However, an individual from birth to the age of nine (9) years who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three (3) or more major life activities as described in [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-1205](#). Please note that if an individual is determined eligible before the age of nine (9), eligibility will be re-determined at age nine (9) and again at age eighteen (18).

Only limited funding is available for individuals found eligible for DD Services. Funding is allocated by the Nebraska State Legislature. If found eligible the applicant will:

- Be placed on a Registry of Needs list to wait for available funding; and
- Be given the option to be assigned a Service Coordinator who can answer questions and assist in the location of other possible resources.


Please keep in mind:

- DD Services are voluntary;
- The Division of Developmental Disabilities is not a crisis response agency;
- To receive DD Services the applicant will need to apply for and accept any federal funding for which the applicant may be eligible such as Medicaid;
- The applicant must be a Nebraska resident to remain on the Registry of Needs.
- The applicant must reside in Nebraska to receive DD Services.
- If the applicant is not eligible for Medicaid, the applicant may be required to pay toward the cost of services.

DD Services provides habilitation and vocational training for the eligible individual. DD Services does not provide economic assistance. DD Services funding pays a provider for habilitative services delivered to the eligible individual. DD Services may include:

- Vocational training
- Community inclusion
- Residential services

The goal of habilitation services provided through DD Services funding is to assist individuals in meeting their goals and maximizing independence to become as independent as possible. For some individuals this may mean that DD Services are temporary and for others life-long.



9) Fill out all information about the applicant. When you are helping someone who you are legally responsible for, such as a child or ward, be sure to fill out his/her information and not yours. When all information is entered, click CONTINUE.

Applicant Information

Does the applicant have an intellectual or developmental disability?

Yes No

This question MUST be marked Yes.

Did this intellectual or developmental disability occur before the age of 22?

Yes No

Is the applicant currently receiving or has the applicant ever received Aged & Disabled waiver services, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver services, or other Medicaid & Long-Term Care Services?

Yes No Unsure

Does the applicant want to be connected with other services?

Yes No

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Extension

Previous Names

Sex

Male Female

Date of Birth



Social Security Number

Physical Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City

State

Zip Code

Mailing Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Phone Number

Type of Phone

Secondary Phone Number

Type of Phone

Email Address

Has the applicant ever been a child in the legal custody (state ward) of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services?

Yes No

Is the applicant a United States citizen?

Yes No

Where was the applicant born?

City State

Is the applicant a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act?

Yes No

Is the applicant a legal resident of Nebraska?

Yes No

One of these must be marked Yes. Applicant must be a US citizen OR a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

This question **MUST** be marked Yes. Applicant must be Nebraska resident.

10) Review applicant information. When the applicant has an authorized representative helping with the application, select “Authorized Representative” and click Add. An authorized representative does not have to be a legal representative; it’s just someone who is helping with the application.

Applicant

Applicant: JOHN DOE [Change](#)

Date of Birth: 01-10-1980

Does the applicant have a person with one of the following roles that will act on the applicant’s behalf when working with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the application? (If so, which one?)

Authorized Representative

Guardianship/Attorney in Fact

Parent of Minor

None of the above

The applicant is 19 years of age or older and authorizes the following representative to provide assistance and consent for release of information. (See Help (under Options) for more information.)

Authorized Representative [Add](#)

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Authorized Representative Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Extension

Relationship to Applicant

Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Enter all information about the Authorized Representative.

More than one person can be entered by clicking Add Another.

When done, click CONTINUE.

On the same screen, when the applicant has a guardian or attorney in fact, select Guardian/Attorney in Fact and click Add.

Applicant

Applicant: JOHN DOE [Change](#)
Date of Birth: 01-10-1980

Does the applicant have a person with one of the following roles that will act on the applicant's behalf when working with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the application? (If so, which one?)

Authorized Representative

Guardianship/Attorney in Fact ←

Parent of Minor

None of the above

The applicant is 19 years of age or older and has a court-appointed guardian or Attorney in Fact (also known as a Power of Attorney or POA).

Guardianship/Attorney in Fact [Add](#) ←

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Guardianship/Attorney in Fact Information

First Name Middle Name

Last Name Extension

Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Enter all information about the guardian or attorney in fact.

More than one can be entered by clicking Add Another.

When done, click CONTINUE.

On the same screen, when the applicant is a minor and a parent is their natural guardian, select Parent of Minor and click Add.

Applicant

Applicant: JOHN DOE [Change](#)
Date of Birth: 01-10-1980

Does the applicant have a person with one of the following roles that will act on the applicant's behalf when working with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the application? (If so, which one?)

Authorized Representative

Guardianship/Attorney in Fact

Parent of Minor ←

None of the above

The applicant is a minor child under 19 year of age.

Parent of Minor [Add](#) ←

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Parent of Minor Information

First Name Middle Name

Last Name

Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Enter all information about the parent of a minor.

More than one can be entered by clicking Add Another; this must be done with both parents are natural guardians.

When done, click CONTINUE.

On the same screen, when the applicant does not have an authorized representative, guardian, attorney in fact, or parent when a minor, select None of the above and click CONTINUE. This should only be selected when an applicant is completing the application without any help.

Applicant

Applicant: JOHN DOE [Change](#)
Date of Birth: 01-10-1980


Does the applicant have a person with one of the following roles that will act on the applicant's behalf when working with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the application? (If so, which one?)

- Authorized Representative
- Guardianship/Attorney in Fact
- Parent of Minor
- None of the above

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11) Provide contact information for schools and doctors to support your diagnosis of a developmental disability and/or show your skills. **It is important to complete this section so DDD can gather all necessary records and make an accurate determination in a timely manner.** When finished click CONTINUE.

In this section, you can supply contact information for doctors and schools that can assist DHHS with determining eligibility for DD Services. Types of records may include but are not limited to:

- Assessments for intellectual or adaptive behavioral functioning completed by a licensed psychologist
- Medical diagnoses prior to age 22 which have affected the applicant's ability to carry out activities of daily living
- Current or previous psychiatric diagnoses prior to age 22 which have affected the applicant's ability to carry out activities of daily living
- Educational reports such as Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) reports and Individual Education Plans (IEP)

The Department of Health and Human Services will not contact any doctors or schools for applicant records unless the applicant (or applicant's legal guardian) has provided the necessary authorization. You can provide this authorization to DHHS by the applicant or the legal guardian completing the Authorization Disclosure Section in this signed and submitted electronic application. Providing the authorization with this application will enable the Department of Health and Human Services to more quickly determine your eligibility.

Contact Information

Do you want to provide contact information for Educational records?
 Yes No Not Available

Educational Records [Add Contact](#)

Do you want to provide contact information for Physician records?
 Yes No Not Available

Do you want to provide contact information for Psychologist records?
 Yes No Not Available

Do you want to provide contact information for Psychiatrist records?
 Yes No Not Available

Do you want to provide contact information for Therapist/Counselor records?
 Yes No Not Available

Comments

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When you select Yes, you will be given the option to Add Contact. Click this option. You may select Yes and enter records for all fields.

Only click CONTINUE on this screen once all schools and doctors are entered.

Contact Information

Applicant Name: JOHN DOE

Educational Contact Information

School

Specific Disability

Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

For each source of information, enter all contact information.

More than one can be entered by clicking Add Another. Multiple sources of information should be entered.

When done entering all, click CONTINUE to return to the main Contact Information page.

12) The authorized disclosure section **must be completed** to give DDD permission to contact the schools and doctors you provided in the previous section. When finished click CONTINUE.

In this section, you can authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to contact and request record information from doctors and schools for whom you've provided contact information in the previous section.

- You will select which types of information DHHS can request.
- You will specify the date this authorization ends or is terminated.
- This information will be used to populate the Authorization for Release of Personal Health Information form.

Providing this authorization with this application will enable the Department of Health and Human Services to more quickly determine your eligibility. The authorization allows information to be disclosed to:

Division of Developmental Disabilities
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
PO Box 98947, Lincoln, NE 68509-8947

Or fax: (402)742-8384

Or e-mail: DHHS.DDEligibility@nebraska.gov

The information to be released pursuant to this authorization is limited to records, applicable parties.

Failure to provide this information will not affect treatment, or payment, however certain benefits, provided per Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

The Reason for Disclosure is automatically checked as Eligibility Determination and My Request. You do not need to do anything in this area.

You must select the types of information you would like school(s) and doctor(s) to provide to DDD. It is recommended you check those marked in this example.

Disclosure Authorization

Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information for JOHN DOE.

Reasons for Disclosure

This release of information is for the purpose of obtaining source documents/records **ONLY** related to determining DD eligibility. Therefore, we have preselected the reasons for disclosure as indicated below and are not asking that you select any other type of disclosure as it does not pertain to DD eligibility.

- Eligibility Determination My Request Insurance Claim
 Legal Purposes Consultation and/or Treatment Planning Other (be specific)

Select specific types of information that can be disclosed to the Department of Health and Human Services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All information that can be disclosed to the Adult Abuse and Neglect Central Registry and the Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry. | <input type="checkbox"/> Aftercare Referral Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Summary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History & Physical Examination | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Notes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric History & Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> All other non-medical information, records, or documents which could be released. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychological Evaluation & Treatment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-rays & Other Diagnostic Imaging Results | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse Treatment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genetic Testing Information | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell Anemia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (be specific) |

This Authorization (unless revoked earlier in writing) shall terminate on

05-08-2018



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13) Review your application by clicking Application Summary, Rights and Responsibilities, and Authorization for the Disclosure of Protected Health Information. As you review each section click the corresponding checkbox. Then click CONTINUE.

14) Submit your application by clicking your relationship to the applicant, typing your name, and clicking Submit. This serves as your signature.

15) You will receive a confirmation number for your application. Click Print and be sure to save this number.

DD Application

Print ▾

Confirmation

**Your application for DD Services has been submitted.
This is your Confirmation Number:**

1732831

It is important that you keep this number.

**This is the Electronic Signature for your application:
1951phrWHYyLc0mHekLI22iB8s00acI**

Print this page so you can refer to your application number if you call with questions.

Select this link to either [View/Print Application](#) or you can contact DHHS to provide you with a copy of the application.

If you are not registered to vote where you live and would like to register, you can print a [voter registration form](#).

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