

Important Initials to Know

DD

Developmental Disabilities

DDD

Nebraska Department of
Health and Human
Services, Division of
Developmental Disabilities

HCBS

Home and Community-
Based Services

SC

Service Coordination

VR

Vocational Rehabilitation

Helpful Contacts for Eligibility and Services

Call toll-free

(877) 667-6266

DD Application and Eligibility

For questions about application or
eligibility:

DHHS.DDeligibility@nebraska.gov

DD Registry

For questions about waiting for
services:

DHHS.DDRegistry@nebraska.gov

General Questions for Community-Based Services

For other questions about Community-
Based Services:

DHHS.DDDCommunityBasedServices@nebraska.gov

DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities

Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
PO Box 98947
Lincoln, NE 68509-8947

Phone: (877) 667-6266

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Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waivers

Eligibility for Services

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What is a Developmental Disability?

A developmental disability is defined in state law at [Nebraska Revised Statute 83-1205](#).

A developmental disability is a severe, chronic disability, including an intellectual disability, other than mental illness. The person must have a diagnosis.

The disability must cause a mental or physical impairment, which is not solely attributable to a severe emotional disturbance or persistent mental illness.

The disability must occur during the developmental period, before the person is 22 years old. It must be likely to continue throughout the person's life.

The disability must result in substantial functional limitations in the following areas of adaptive functioning:

- **Conceptual skills** : language, literacy, money, time, number concepts, and self-direction.
- **Social skills** : interpersonal skills, social responsibility, self-esteem, gullibility, wariness, social problem solving, and the ability to follow laws and rules and to avoid being victimized.
- **Practical skills**: activities of daily living, personal care, occupational skills, healthcare, mobility, and the capacity for independent living.

The person must have a need for special supports and assistance that are expected to be lifelong and are individually planned and coordinated.

An child from birth through nine years old is evaluated based on diagnosis and developmental delay. DDD also looks at limitations after the age of nine.

Who is Eligible?

Developmental disabilities services are provided through Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers.

A person must:

- 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;
- Be a resident of the State of Nebraska;
- Be eligible for Nebraska Medicaid;
- Have a developmental disability as outlined in Nebraska Revised Statute 83-1205; and
- Meet the level of care to live in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

A person must choose to receive Medicaid HCBS Waiver services instead of living in an institutional setting.

Other Benefits and Services

All people eligible for developmental disabilities services must **apply for and accept** any federal Medicaid benefits for which they may be eligible **and** benefits from other funding sources. Possible sources include those within the DHHS and other agencies. Other benefits must be used to the maximum extent possible.

This includes the Department of Education, specifically Vocational Rehabilitation Services with Nebraska VR.

Service Coordination

Service Coordination can be provided to eligible people when requirements are met.

- When you have Medicaid, they pay for this service.
- When you do not have Medicaid, you are responsible for the cost.

When you request to have a Service Coordinator, you will get one. When receiving waiver services, you must have a Service Coordinator (SC) to provide case management and coordinate and oversee your services.

How to Apply

Submit an application to DDD for eligibility to be determined. The application is at www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov. Just fill out the application electronically!

You can also complete a paper application to be determined eligible for all HCBS waivers. The application is at <http://public-dhhs.ne.gov/Forms/DisplayPDF.aspx?item=3443>.

Complete, print, sign, and mail to:
DDD Eligibility
PO Box 98947
Lincoln NE 68509-8947

Or scan and email to:
DHHS.DDeligibility@nebraska.gov

You can call DDD toll-free at (877) 667-6266 if you have questions or would like an application be mailed to you.

You can go to any DHHS office and ask for assistance.