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DD Eligibility

A person must submit an application for Medicaid HCBS developmental disabilities (DD) waiver services and meet all points of eligibility to receive services.

Learn about DD eligibility:

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Other Benefits and Services

To receive waiver services, a person must apply for and accept benefits from other funding sources to the maximum extent possible.

This includes:

- **Social Security.** At 18 years old, parental income and resources are not considered.
- **Medicaid** provides medical insurance and funds waiver services. At 19 years old, parental income and resources are not considered.
- **Department of Education** provides special educational services and accommodations for students with disabilities who have a need for special education. This is available until the end of the school year a person turns 21 years old, when written in their educational plan.
- **Vocational Rehabilitation** services are provided by Nebraska VR and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI). These services help eligible people seek and stabilize employment.

Service Coordination

When a person is on a DD Waiver, they have a Service Coordinator (SC) to help plan and oversee waiver services.

The SC is a local person and can attend school individual educational program (IEP) meetings when the guardian asks the school to invite the SC. The SC, school, and vocational rehabilitation work together for a smooth transition to adult services.

DD Assessment

An assessment will be done to determine that the person meets waiver level of care, which waiver they need, and their funding amount. It will also guide service planning.



Assessment Brochure

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Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waivers

Which waiver a person receives is based on their age and assessed needs. There are three DD waivers available.

The Family Support Waiver (FSW)

- Keeps children in their family home by providing support for people through the age of 21 years.
- This is the waiver a person typically receives while in the school system.

The Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver

- Helps a person maintain the skills learned at school, with a focus on day services to pursue economic self-sufficiency.
- Includes some residential services.
- A 21-year-old graduate is offered this waiver when transitioning out of the educational system, as the school system meets these needs until after the school year in which they reach age 21 years.

The Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

- Offered when assessment shows it is the most appropriate waiver to meet a person's needs.
- When a person receives the CDD Waiver before the age of 21, they remain on this waiver after graduation.

Family Support Waiver to DDAD Waiver

An *eligible* person may receive DD services from the Family Support Waiver (FSW) through the age 21. This person's Service Coordinator (SC) creates their person-centered plan.

By the time of the school's last individual educational program (IEP) meeting, the SC will have conversations with the participant/family about how DD services can be used to replace services the school has been providing. Discussion includes DD services focused on vocational activities and employment.

DDD completes an assessment to determine if the DDAD Waiver will meet their needs and the funding amount purchase services.

The participant chooses which providers to use for their DD waiver services.

SC completes referrals for any agency providers and helps any independent providers with enrollment.

SC holds an individual supports plan (ISP) meeting to identify DD waiver services and assign responsibility to providers.

SC completes service authorizations assigning funding to providers.

DDAD Waiver services begin.

No DD Services to DDAD Waiver

When an *eligible* person is not receiving FSW services, DDD contacts them before graduation (at 21 years old) and offers a DD Waiver.

The person must accept a DD Waiver to receive adult services.

DDD completes an assessment to determine if the DDAD Waiver will meet their needs and the funding amount to purchase services.

The person receives a Service Coordinator (SC). This local person begins the intake process.

The participant chooses which providers to use for their DD waiver services.

SC completes referrals for any agency providers and helps any independent providers with enrollment.

SC holds an individual supports plan (ISP) meeting to identify DD waiver services and assign responsibility to providers.

SC completes service authorizations assigning funding to providers.

DDAD Waiver services begin.