SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Community Supports Waiver Information Sheet

Prior to 1991, the Federal Medicaid program paid for services for people served by the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) only if the person lived in an institution. The approval of Federal Home and Community Based Waiver programs allowed Medicaid to pay for services to people in their homes and in their communities. Section 1915(c) of the Federal Social Security Act enables the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with OIDD to operate a Home and Community-Based Waiver program for people with an intellectual or related disability.

Community Supports Waiver Participation

To participate in the Community Supports Waiver, a person must:

- Be diagnosed with an Intellectual or a Related Disability.
- Be eligible to receive Medicaid or already qualify for Medicaid.
- Require the degree of care that would be provided in an ICF/IID; therefore, meet ICF/IID Level of Care criteria.
- Be given the option of receiving services in his/her home and community or in an ICF/IID.
- Have needs that can be met by the Community Supports Waiver.
- Be allocated a waiver slot.
- Be informed of the alternatives covered by the Community Supports Waiver, choose to receive Community Supports Waiver services, and choose among qualified providers.

Community Supports Waiver Termination

Community Supports Waiver Enrollment is terminated when the person:

- Is admitted to an ICF/IID, Nursing Facility, or PRTF.
- No longer meets ICF/IID Level of Care.
- Is no longer eligible for Medicaid as determined by SCDHHS.
- Voluntarily withdraws or no longer wishes to receive services funded by the Community Supports Waiver.
- Does not receive two Community Supports Waiver services each calendar month, or within 60 calendar days of enrollment date.
- Moves out of state.
- Has exhausted the individual cost limit.

Applying for Community Supports Waiver Services

- Contact your assigned Case Manager/Early Interventionist (CM/EI). If you are not receiving Case Management or Early Intervention, contact OIDD at 1-800-289-7012 to apply for services.
- Inform your CM/EI or OIDD that you wish to apply for the Community Supports Waiver. They will work with you to gather the information needed to complete the application.
- You will receive a written response from OIDD regarding your Community Supports Waiver application.

Applying for OIDD Services

- For persons under age 3, application must be made through BabyNet. BabyNet eligibility/services do not have to be obtained to apply for the Community Supports Waiver. To apply for BabyNet services, call the Central Referral Team at 1-866-512-8881, or complete the online referral form at http://babynet.scdhhs.gov/prebabynet/ .
- For persons aged 3 and older, contact OIDD at 1-800-289-7012 to apply for services.
- If you are screened appropriate for consideration of eligibility, you will choose an intake provider, who will assist you with completing the eligibility process. An application for Community Supports Waiver services can be made at this time.
- An applicant found ineligible for OIDD services will be notified in writing, including reason(s) for denial. This notification will provide information on how to appeal denial of eligibility.

Your Annual Plan

An annual plan of services and supports must be completed once every 364 days. If the new plan is not completed by the 364th day, Medicaid cannot pay for services provided. Please work with your Waiver Case Manger to make sure that your plan is completed at least once every year.

Community Supports Waiver Services

Community Supports Waiver Services are provided based on identified needs of the person and the appropriateness of the service to meet the need. The services listed below may be limited due to provider availability. A list of enrolled and qualified providers of Community Supports Waiver services can be located on the OIDD website, https://DDSN.sc.gov/. The following services are available through the Community Supports Waiver:

Behavior Support Services: Services to assist people who exhibit problem behaviors learn why the behavior occurs and to teach new appropriate behaviors which are effective and improve their quality of life.
In-Home Support: Care, supervision, teaching and/or assistance provided directly to or in support of the person and provided in the person's home, family home, the home of others, and/or in community settings. This service is self-directed.
Environmental Modification: Physical adaptations to the person's home which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the person (e.g. installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, etc.)
Private Vehicle Modification: Modifications to a privately owned vehicle used to transport the person (e.g., installation of a lift, tie downs, lowering the floor of the vehicle, raising the roof, etc.).
Respite Services: Care provided on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care.
Assistive Technology and Appliances: A device, an item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase or improve functional capabilities of a person thereby resulting in a decrease or avoidance of need for other waiver services.
Personal Emergency Response System: An electronic device which enables a person who is at high risk of institutionalization to secure help in an emergency.
Support Center Services: Non-medical care, supervision and assistance provided in a non-institutional group setting outside of the person's home to people who, because of their disability, are unable to care for and supervise themselves.
Waiver Case Management: Services that assist those in gaining access to needed waiver, State plan and other services, regardless of the funding sources for the services to which access is gained.
Services available for adults
Adult Day Health Care Services: Care furnished to someone 18 or older, 5 or more hours per day for one or more days per week, in an outpatient setting, encompassing both health and social services.
Adult Day Health Care-Nursing Services: Provided in ADHC center; limited to ostomy care, urinary catheter care, decubitus/ wound care, tracheostomy care, tube feedings and nebulizer treatment.
Day Activity: Supports and services provided in therapeutic settings to enable people to achieve, maintain, improve, or decelerate the loss of personal care, social or adaptive skills.
Career Preparation: Services aimed at preparing people for paid and unpaid employment and careers through exposure to and experience careers and through teaching such concepts as compliance, attendance, task completion, problem solving, safety, self-determination, and self-advocacy.
Community Services: Services aimed at developing one's awareness of interaction with and/or participation in their community through exposure to and experience in the community and through teaching such concepts as self-determination, self-advocacy, socialization and the accrual of social capital.
Employment Services: Employment services consist of intensive, ongoing supports that enable people for whom competitive employment at or above minimum wage is unlikely absent the provision of supports and who, because of their disabilities, need supports to perform in a regular work setting.
Incontinence Supplies: Diapers, under-pads, wipes, liners and disposable gloves provided to those who are at least 21 years old and who are incontinent of bowel and/or bladder according to established medical criteria.
Personal Care Services: Assistance with personal care and activities of daily living for people 21 or older. Personal Care Services are available through the Medicaid State Plan for those under 21.