

COLORADO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVERS: ADULT WAIVERS

Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) is a health care program for low-income Coloradans. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for one of the program categories in order to qualify for benefits. Major program categories include Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Medicaid Only, Colorado Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Baby Care/Kids Care, Aid to the Needy Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Old Age Pension. To apply for Health First Colorado, contact your local County Department of Social/Human Services.

Waiver programs provide additional Health First Colorado benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits and criteria and tells you how to apply for Health First Colorado under a waiver. For some people, a waiver is the only way to qualify for Health First Colorado.

Members must meet financial, medical, and program targeting criteria to access services under a waiver. The applicant’s income must be less than 300% or three times the Supplemental Security Income allowance per month (see www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/SSI.html for current information) and countable resources less than \$2,000 for a single person or \$3,000 for a couple. The applicant must also be at risk of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID (Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). To utilize waiver benefits, members must be willing to receive services in their homes or communities. A member who receives services through a waiver is also eligible for all basic Health First Colorado covered services except nursing facility and long-term hospital care. When a member chooses to receive services under a waiver, the services must be provided by certified Health First Colorado providers or by a Health First Colorado contracting managed care organization. The cost of waiver services cannot be more than the cost of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID.

Applicants may apply for more than one waiver but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. There may be a waiting list for some waivers. Anyone who is denied Health First Colorado eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Talk to your County Department of Social/Human Services if you wish to exercise your right to appeal.

NAME OF WAIVER	PERSONS with BRAIN INJURY WAIVER (HCBS-BI)	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS WAIVER (HCBS-CMHS)	COMPLIMENTARY AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH WAIVER (formerly SCI) (HCBS-CIH)	PERSONS with DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WAIVER (HCBS-DD)	PERSONS who are ELDERLY, BLIND, AND DISABLED WAIVER (HCBS-EBD)	SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES WAIVER (HCBS-SLS)
What is the primary purpose of this waiver?	To provide a home or community-based alternative to hospital or specialized nursing facility care for persons with brain injury	To provide a home or community-based alternative to nursing facility care for persons with major mental illness	To provide a home or community-based alternative for people with a spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, a brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy with the inability for independent ambulation	To provide to persons with developmental disabilities services and supports which allow them to continue to live in the community	To provide a home or community-based alternative to nursing facility care for persons who are elderly, blind, and living with a disability	To provide persons with developmental disabilities supported living services in the person’s home or community
What ages are served?	Age 16 and older	Age 18 and older	Age 18 or older	Age 18 and older	Age 18 and older	Age 18 and older
Who is served?	Persons with brain injury as defined in the Colorado Code of Regulations with specific diagnostic codes	Persons with a diagnosis of major mental illness as defined in the Colorado Code of Regulations with specific DSM-IV diagnostic codes	Persons with a qualifying condition of a spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, a brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy with the inability for independent ambulation as result of one of these conditions	Persons who are in need of services and supports 24 hours a day that will allow them to live safely and participate in the community	Elderly persons with a functional impairment (aged 65+) or blind or physically disabled persons (aged 18-64)	Persons, who can either live independently with limited supports or who, if they need extensive supports, are already receiving that high level of support from other sources, such as family
Is there a waiting list?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Where to apply?	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)
What is the Level of Care Requirement?	Hospital or nursing facility level of care	Nursing facility level of care	Hospital or nursing facility level of care	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities	Nursing facility level of care	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
Who determines the eligible person’s needs?	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case Manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian
What waiver services are available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Day Services Behavioral Management & Education Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Day treatment Home Delivered Meals Home Modification Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) Medication Reminder Mental Health Counseling Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care Personalized Emergency Response System (PERS) Remote Supports Respite Care Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Substance Abuse Counseling Supported Living Program Transition Set Up Transitional Living Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Day Services Alternative Care Facilities Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services Life Skills Training Medication Reminder Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Remote Supports Respite Care Transition Set Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Day Services Complementary and Integrative Health Services (Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Massage) Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Life Skills Training Medication Reminder Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Remote Supports Respite Care Transition Set Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral Services Day Habilitation (Specialized Habilitation, Supported Community Connections) Dental Services Home Delivered Meals Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Prevocational Services Residential Habilitation Services (24-hour individual or group) Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Supported Employment Transition Set Up Vision Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Day Services Alternative Care Facilities Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Life Skills Training Medication Reminder Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Remote Supports Respite Care Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Transition Set Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistive Technology Behavioral Services Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Day Habilitation Services (Specialized Habilitation, Supported Community Connections) Dental Services Health Maintenance Activities Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services Life Skills Training Mentorship Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Respite Care Personalized Emergency Response System (PERS) Prevocational Services (Includes Hippotherapy, Massage & Movement Therapy) Remote Supports Respite Services Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Supported Employment Transition Set Up Vehicle Modifications Vision Services
Who selects the service providers?	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian
Who provides case management?	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)
What state/federal organizations administer this program?	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
What laws and regulations govern the program?	C.R.S. 25.5-6.701-706, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 - 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.515	C.R.S. 25.5-6.601-607, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 - 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.509	C.R.S. 25.5-6.13.01-13.04 as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 - 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.517	C.R.S., 27-10.5-101 - 103, as amended; C.R.S. 25.5-6-401-411, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 - 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.500	C.R.S. 25.5-6-301-313, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 - 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.485	C.R.S. 27-10.5-101 - 103, as amended; C.R.S. 25.5-6-401-411, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 - 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.500.90
Waiver website	hcpf.colorado.gov/brain-injury-waiver-bi	hcpf.colorado.gov/community-mental-health-supports-waiver-cmhs	hcpf.colorado.gov/complementary-integrative-health-waiver-cih	hcpf.colorado.gov/developmental-disabilities-waiver-dd	hcpf.colorado.gov/elderly-blind-disabled-waiver-ebd	hcpf.colorado.gov/supported-living-services-waiver-sls
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