Colorado Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers: Children's 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 the Supplemental Security Income allowance per month (see: [website](http://hcpf.colorado.gov/childrens-financing)) 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 ICD/ID (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 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 ICD/ID.

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.

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<th>Name of Waiver</th>
<th>Children’s Extensive Support Waiver (HCBS-CES)</th>
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<td><strong>What is the primary purpose of this waiver?</strong></td>
<td>To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home or community for children with developmental disabilities or delays that are most in need due to the severity of their disability</td>
<td>To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home or community for children with significant medical needs and who are at risk for institutional care in an acute hospital or skilled nursing facility</td>
<td>To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home or community for children and youth who have an intellectual or developmental disability and very high needs, which put them at risk for out-of-home placement.</td>
<td>To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home for children with a life-limiting illness.</td>
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<td><strong>What ages are served?</strong></td>
<td>Birth through age 17</td>
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<td>Children and youth ages 0-20 years, who have an intellectual or developmental disability and intensive behavioral or medical support needs that put them at risk of out-of-home placement. The child or youth must meet the Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities definition.</td>
<td>Children with a life-limiting illness who can be safely cared for in the home and who are at risk of institutionalization in a hospital.</td>
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<td><strong>Who is served?</strong></td>
<td>Children with intensive behavioral or medical needs who are at risk of institutionalization Children, birth through age 4, must have a developmental delay Children, 5 through 17, must have a developmental disability.</td>
<td>Children in the home at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement</td>
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<td><strong>What is the enrollment cap on the program?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>What is the Level of Care Requirement?</strong></td>
<td>Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities</td>
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<td><strong>Who determines the eligible person’s needs?</strong></td>
<td>Family or legal guardian</td>
<td>Family Case Manager</td>
<td>Member</td>
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<td><strong>Who selects the service providers?</strong></td>
<td>Member/Family</td>
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<td><strong>Who provides case management?</strong></td>
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<td><a href="http://hcpf.colorado.gov/childrens-habilitation-residential-program-waiver-chcb">website</a></td>
<td><a href="http://hcpf.colorado.gov/childrens-life-limiting-illness-waiver-cllb">website</a></td>
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<td><strong>State contact</strong></td>
<td>303-866-3684 <a href="mailto:HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us">HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us</a></td>
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- Adapted Therapeutic Recreation and Fees
- Assistive Technology
- Community Connector
- Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Homemaker Services
- Parent Education
- Professional Services (Includes Hippotherapy, Massage and Movement Therapy)
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Vehicle Adaptations
- Youth Day
- Case Management
- In-Home Support Services (IHSS)
- Health Maintenance Activities Only
- Community Connector Services
- Habilitation Services
- Emergency Assistance Training
- Independent Living Training
- Self-Advocacy Training
- Supervision Services
- Travel Services
- Intensive Support Services
- Wraparound Facilitator and Plan
- Prevention/Monitoring
- Child and Youth Mentoring
- Professional Services (Hippotherapy, Massage and Movement Therapy)
- Respite Care
- Transition Support Services
- Wraparound Facilitator and Plan
- Prevention/Monitoring
- Child and Youth Mentoring
- * Services are not billed separately but under the habilitative services and are part of residential services.
- Counseling/Rehabilitation Services
- Expressive Therapy
- Massage Therapy
- Palliative/Supportive Care
- Respite Care
- Therapeutic Life Limiting Illness Support

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