

Bridges to Health Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program for Children in Foster Care (B2H)

Program Goal

The Bridges to Health (B2H) Program provides certain services to children in foster care who have significant mental health, developmental disabilities, or health care needs to help them to live in a home or community-based setting.

Eligibility

Children must be:

- Under the age of 21 years
- In the care and custody of a Local Social Services District (LDSS) or the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS)
- Have significant mental health, developmental disabilities, or health care needs, and
- Require an institutional level of care.

Children discharged from foster care may remain in the program if they are otherwise Medicaid eligible based on child's own income and resources.

Description

The B2H Waiver allows Medicaid to pay for some services not normally provided through Medicaid. The B2H program will provide the following services:

- Accessibility modifications
- Adaptive and assistive equipment
- Crisis respite
- Crisis avoidance, management and training
- Immediate crisis response services
- Day habilitation (help with activities of daily living, such as dressing, feeding, bathing)
- Family caregiver supports and services
- Health care integration (coordination and care management)
- Intensive in-home supports
- Planned respite
- Prevocational services (services that teach the person work habits that will help him/her to get and keep a job)
- Skill building
- Special needs community advocacy and support
- Supported employment (providing the services of a job coach who will assist the person adjust to the new work location, and work closely with the supervisor to understand the person's needs, etc.)

For More Information

Program information is available at www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/b2h. You can also call the Office of Children and Family Services at (518) 408-4064, or the Department of Health at (518) 486-6562.

Care at Home Medicaid Waiver for Developmentally Disabled Children (OMRDD)

Program Goal

To provide medical assistance to families with children living at home who have severe disabilities or medical conditions.

Eligibility

- Must be under 18 years of age
- Have a developmental disability
- Demonstrate complex health care needs
- Be eligible for the level of care provided by an intermediate care facility (ICF/DD, i.e. a certified nursing home)
- Does not require a hospital inpatient stay
- Must not be eligible for Medicaid when parents' income/resources are counted, and
- Must be eligible for Medicaid when parents' income and resources are not counted.

Description

The Care At Home Waiver program allows Medicaid to pay for some services not provided through "regular" Medicaid, such as case management, respite, home adaptations and vehicle modification. These services can make home care an option for children and their families. Although this Medicaid funding applies only to the child, it can be used to help cover the costs of caring for the child at home.

For More Information

Contact the Care At Home Coordinator at the nearest Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO). The number can be found in the blue pages in the telephone directory under: New York State Government, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

You can also go to the OMRDD webpage at www.opwdd.ny.gov to find your local DDSO. Click on "Services." Then click on "Map and Resource Directory" at the bottom of the page. Then click on the link, "Developmental Disabilities Services Offices (DDSO)."

Care at Home (CAH I/II) Program for Physically Disabled Children

Program Goal

To enable physically disabled children to remain in the home setting.

Eligibility

- Must be under 18 years of age
- Require the level of care provided by a skilled nursing facility or hospital
- Must be able to be cared for at home safely
- Child is Medicaid eligible based on his/her parent's income and, if applicable, resources -OR-
- Child is ineligible for Medicaid due to the parents' excess income and/or resources, but the child is Medicaid eligible when parents' income and/or resources are not counted.

In Addition: In order to be eligible for CAH, the child must not be married.

Description

The Medicaid-waiver Care at Home (CAH) I/II program provides community-based services to physically disabled children who require hospital or skilled nursing home level of care, and allows the child to be at home instead of in an institutional setting. Medicaid state plan services and waiver services, including case management, respite, home adaptations, vehicle modification and palliative care are available to assist families in caring for their disabled child at home. Considered as a group, the cost of care of children participating in CAH I/II can not exceed that if cared for in a skilled nursing facility or hospital.

For More Information

Every county Department of Social Services has a Care At Home coordinator who can provide information on this program. To obtain the phone number of your county's Department of Social Services, call the Growing Up Healthy Hotline at 1-800-522-5006, in New York City, call (212) 360-5444. You may also access this information online, at New York State Department of Health webpage at www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/lds.htm or through NY Connects at <http://nyconnects.org/>.

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Children and Adolescents with Serious Emotional Disturbances

Program Goal

To provide services and support to children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances and their families to enable them to remain at home and in the community.

Eligibility

- Must be between 5 and 17 years of age
- Have serious emotional disturbances
- Demonstrate complex health and mental health needs
- Require or be at imminent risk of needing psychiatric inpatient care
- Services and support needs cannot be met by one agency system
- Have a consistent and viable living arrangement with family that is able and willing to participate in the waiver
- Appear to be capable of being cared for in the community with access to waiver services; and
- Be eligible for Medicaid
- Parental income and resources are not considered when determining the child's eligibility for Medicaid.

Description

The HCBS Waiver allows Medicaid to pay for some services not normally provided through Medicaid, including: care coordination; respite; family support services; intensive in-home services; crisis response and skill building.

For More Information

For a complete list of Provider Agencies by county, visit the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities website at www.opwdd.ny.gov

Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (HCBS/TBI)

Program Goal

To provide supports and services to assist an individual with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) to live as independently as possible in the community of their choice.

Eligibility

- Must have a diagnosis of TBI or a related diagnosis
- Be eligible for nursing facility level of care
- Have an in-patient stay of at least 30 days
- Be enrolled in the Medicaid Program
- Be 18-64 years old
- Choose to live in the community rather than a nursing facility
- Have or find a living arrangement that meets the person's needs
- Be able to be served with the funds and services available under the HCBS/TBI waiver and New York Medicaid State Plan

Description

The HCBS/TBI waiver is accessed through a network of Regional Resource Development Centers which serve specific counties throughout the state. The Waiver provides a variety of services to support an individual in the community. Each waiver participant selects an approved Service Coordinator to assist them in the development of a Service Plan and to oversee the provision of all services selected by the participant.

HCBS/TBI waiver services include: service coordination, independent living skills training and development, structured day programs, substance abuse programs, intensive behavioral programs, community integration counseling, home and community support services, environmental modifications, respite care, assistive technology, transportation, and community transition services.

For More Information

Call the NYS Department of Health HCBS/TBI at (518) 474-6580 to find the Regional Resource Development Center nearest you.

Home and Community-Based Services Waiver/Long-Term Home Health Care Program (HCBS/LTHHCP)

Program Goal

To provide home care services to individuals who are medically eligible for nursing home placement as an alternative to institutionalization.

Eligibility

- Must be medically eligible for nursing home level of care
- Needs can be safely met at home
- Approved by physician
- Individual requires coordinated services and case management
- Cost of home care services must fall within budget cap of the assessed level of care for which the person is approved; this budget cap is based on monthly local nursing home rate
- Medicaid eligible

Description

The Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP) Waiver provides a coordinated plan of care and services in the home. All individuals receive Case Management and may receive other services based on assessment and individual's required services and plan of care. Services offered may include nursing, therapies, and personal care services. In addition, the waiver allows Medicaid to pay for some services not provided through "regular" Medicaid such as respiratory therapy, medical social services, nutritional counseling, home maintenance and improvements, moving assistance, respite care, home delivered meals and personal emergency response system.

For More Information

LTHHCP is administered by local social service districts and services are provided by a certified Long Term Home Health Care Program Provider. Call your local Department of Social Services (LDSS) for more information. To obtain the phone number of your local DSS, go to the New York State Department of Health webpage at www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ldss.htm

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Persons, Including Children, with Mental Retardation and/or Developmental Disabilities

Program Goal

To provide services and supports for adults and children of all ages and their families to enable them to remain at home or in community residential settings.

Eligibility

- Must have mental retardation and/or a developmental disability
- Must meet the ICF/MR Level of Care Eligibility Criteria
- Must be eligible for Medicaid
- Must live at home, or in an OMRDD sponsored Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA), Community Residence, or Family Care home
- Parental income and resources are not considered when determining the child's eligibility for Medicaid.

Description

The HCBS Waiver allows Medicaid to pay for some services not normally provided through Medicaid. For children, these include: respite; residential and day habilitation; plan of care support services; consolidated supports and services; environmental modifications; adaptive devices; prevocational (i.e., services designed to teach the person appropriate work habits that will enable a person to obtain and keep employment) and supported employment (providing the services of a job coach who will assist the person adjust to the new work location, work closely with the supervisor to understand the person's needs, etc.); and Family Education and Training.

The waiver is available in all of the State's counties and boroughs of New York City.

The HCBS Waiver is administered through the local OMRDD Developmental Disability Services Offices (DDSOs). Contact the OMRDD Office of Waiver Management at (518) 474-5647 to obtain the name of the local DDSO or go to the OMRDD Web Page at www.opwdd.ny.gov and click on "Services." Then click on "Map and Resource Directory" at the bottom of the page. Then click on the link, "Developmental Disabilities Services Offices (DDSO)."

