

ALABAMA HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES

Medicaid is a health care program for low income Alabamians. Home and Community-Based Waiver services provide additional Medicaid benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits, criteria, and informs you on how to apply for a HCBS waiver.

Applicants must meet financial, medical, and program criteria to access waiver services. The applicant also must be at risk of nursing institutionalization (nursing facility, hospital, ICF/MR). A client who receives services through a waiver program also is eligible for all basic Medicaid covered services. Each waiver program has an enrollment limit. There may be a waiting period for any particular waiver. Applicants may apply for more than one waiver, but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. Anyone who is denied Medicaid eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Additional information can be found on the Alabama Medicaid Agency's website: www.medicaid.alabama.gov

	Elderly & Disabled Waiver (Since 1982)	Intellectual Disabilities Waiver (Since 1981)	Living at Home Waiver (Since 2002)	State of Alabama Independent Living Waiver (Since 1992)
What is the purpose?	To provide services that would allow elderly and/or disabled individuals to live in the community who would otherwise require nursing facility level of care	To provide service to individuals that would otherwise require the level of care available in an intermediate care facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)	To provide services to individuals who would otherwise require the level of care available in an ICF/IID	To provide services to disabled adults with specific medical diagnoses** who meet the nursing facility level of care criteria
What is the target population?	Individuals meeting the Nursing Facility Level of Care	Individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities (ID); Individuals meeting an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)	Individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities (ID); Individuals meeting the Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Level of Care; Persons not residing in a group home setting or environment; Persons currently on the waiting list for ID services	Individuals with a specific medical diagnoses
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ▪ Homemaker Services ▪ Personal Care ▪ Adult Day Health ▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled) ▪ Adult Companion Services ▪ Home Delivered Meals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residential Habilitation ▪ Residential Habilitation - Other Living Arrangement ▪ Day Habilitation – Level 1-4 ▪ Day Habilitation with Transportation – Level 1-4 ▪ New Day Habilitation ▪ Prevocational Services ▪ Supported Employment ▪ Individual Job Coach ▪ Individual Job Developer ▪ Occupational Therapy ▪ Speech and Language Therapy ▪ Physical Therapy ▪ Behavior Therapy– Level 1-3 ▪ In-Home Respite Care ▪ Out-of-Home Respite Care ▪ Institutional Respite Care ▪ Personal Care ▪ Personal Care on Worksite ▪ Personal Care Transportation ▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations ▪ Specialized Medical Equipment ▪ Specialized Medical Supplies ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Adult Companion Services ▪ Crisis Intervention ▪ Community Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residential Habilitation In-Home ▪ Day Habilitation-Level 1-4 ▪ Day-Habilitation with Transportation – Level 1-4 ▪ New Day Habilitation ▪ Prevocational Services ▪ Supported Employment Small Group ▪ Supported Employment ▪ Individual Job Coach ▪ Individual Job Developer ▪ Occupational Therapy Services ▪ Speech and Language Therapy ▪ Physical Therapy ▪ Behavior Therapy- Level 1-3 ▪ In-Home Respite ▪ Out-of-Home Respite ▪ Personal Care ▪ Personal Care on Worksite ▪ Personal Care Transportation ▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations ▪ Specialized Medical Equipment ▪ Specialized Medical Supplies ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Community Specialist ▪ Crisis Intervention ▪ Individual Directed Goods and Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ** ▪ Personal Care ▪ Personal Assistance Service ▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations ** ▪ Personal Emergency Response System (Initial Setup) ▪ Personal Emergency Response System (Monthly Fee) ▪ Medical Supplies ▪ Minor Assistive Technology ▪ Assistive Technology** ▪ Evaluation for Assistive Technology ▪ Assistive Technology Repairs <p>**Includes Transitional Services</p>
Waiver criteria :	Nursing facility level of care	ICF/IID level of care	ICF/IID level of care	Nursing facility level of care
What groups can be eligible for this waiver?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate ▪ Low Income Families with Children ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SSI recipients ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Low Income Families with Children ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate
Enrollment Limit:	9,205	5,260	569	660
Is there an age requirement?	No age requirement	3 years and older	3 years and older	18 years and older
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Mental Health	Alabama Department. of Mental Health	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Department of Senior Services www.adss.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Mental Health www.mh.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Mental Health www.mh.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services www.rehab.alabama.gov
Who are the contact persons?	Jean Stone 1-800-243-5463	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491 Karen Coffey 242-3719	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491 Karen Coffey 242-3719	Lisa Alford 1-800-441-7607
What are the reference sources?	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 36	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 35	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 52	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 57

**Specific medical diagnoses include, but are not limited to: Quadriplegia, Traumatic Brain Injury, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Muscular Dystrophy, Severe Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, and other substantial neurological impairments, severely debilitating diseases, or rare genetic diseases (such as Lesch-Nyhan disease).

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	Technology Assisted Waiver for Adults (Since 2003)	HIV/AIDS Waiver A.K.A. 530 Waiver (Since 2003)	Alabama Community Transition (ACT) Waiver (Since 2011)
What is the purpose?	To provide services to adults with complex skilled medical conditions who would otherwise require nursing facility level of care	To provide services to individuals with a diagnosis of HIV, AIDS, and related illness who would meet the nursing facility level of care criteria	To provide services to individuals with disabilities or long term illnesses, who live in a nursing facility and who desire to transition to the home or community setting
What is the target population?	Individuals with complex skilled medical conditions who are ventilator dependent or who has a tracheostomy.	Individuals with a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS and related illnesses.	Individuals with disabilities or long term illnesses currently residing in a nursing facility.
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Private Duty Nursing ▪ Personal Care/Attendant Services ▪ Medical Supplies ▪ Assistive Technology <p>**Targeted Case Management which includes transitional services. (A covered service under Medicaid's State Plan)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ** ▪ Homemaker Services ▪ Personal Care ▪ Respite Care ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Companion Services <p>**Includes Transitional Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ▪ Transitional Assistance ▪ Personal Care ▪ Homemaker Services ▪ Adult Day Health ▪ Home Delivered Meals ▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled) ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Adult Companion Services ▪ Home Modifications ▪ Assistive Technology ▪ Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) Installation/Monthly Fee ▪ Medical Equipment Supplies and Appliances ▪ Personal Assistant Services (PAS)
Waiver criteria:	Nursing facility level of care	Nursing facility level of care	Nursing facility level of care
What groups can be eligible for this waiver?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Medicaid for Low Income Families (MLIF) ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI ▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Individuals determined to be eligible for transition into the community based upon an assessment
Enrollment Limit:	40	150	200
Is there an age requirement?	21 years and older	21 years and above	No age requirement
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Senior Services
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Medicaid Agency www.medicaid.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Senior Services www.adss.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Senior Services www.adss.alabama.gov
Who are the contact persons?	Jessie Burris 1-877-425-2243	Jean Stone 1-800-243-5463	Jessie Burris 1-877-425-2243
What are the reference sources?	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 54	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 58	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 44

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