

## ALABAMA HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVERS

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/IID). 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](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov)

Name of Waiver	Elderly & Disabled Waiver (Since 1982)	Intellectual Disabilities Waiver (Since 1981)	Living at Home Waiver (Since 2002)
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
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
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Case Management</li> <li>▪ Homemaker Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Care</li> <li>▪ Adult Day Health</li> <li>▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled)</li> <li>▪ Adult Companion Services</li> <li>▪ Home Delivered Meals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residential Habilitation Training Services</li> <li>▪ In-Home Residential Habilitation Training Services</li> <li>▪ Supported Living Services</li> <li>▪ Day Habilitation Services– Level 1-4</li> <li>▪ Day Habilitation Services with Transportation – Level 1-4</li> <li>▪ Prevocational Services</li> <li>▪ Supported Employment Services</li> <li>▪ Individual Assessment/Discovery</li> <li>▪ Individual Job Coach</li> <li>▪ Individual Job Developer</li> <li>▪ Occupational Therapy Services</li> <li>▪ Speech and Language Therapy Services</li> <li>▪ Physical Therapy Services</li> <li>▪ Positive Behavior Support Services- Level 1-3</li> <li>▪ In-Home Respite Care</li> <li>▪ Out-of-Home Respite Care</li> <li>▪ Personal Care Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Care on Worksite Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Care Transportation Services</li> <li>▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Services</li> <li>▪ Assistive Technology</li> <li>▪ Specialized Medical Supplies Services</li> <li>▪ Skilled Nursing Services</li> <li>▪ Adult Companion Services</li> <li>▪ Crisis Intervention Services</li> <li>▪ Community Specialist Services</li> <li>▪ Benefits Counseling Services</li> <li>▪ Benefits Reporting Assistance Services</li> <li>▪ Community Experience Services</li> <li>▪ Housing Stabilization Services</li> <li>▪ Individual Directed Goods and Services</li> <li>▪ Supported Employment Transportation Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Emergency Response System Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In-Home Residential Habilitation Training Services</li> <li>▪ Day Habilitation Services-Level 1-4</li> <li>▪ Day-Habilitation Services with Transportation – Level 1-4</li> <li>▪ Prevocational Services</li> <li>▪ Supported Employment Services</li> <li>▪ Individual Assessment/Discovery</li> <li>▪ Individual Job Coach</li> <li>▪ Individual Job Developer</li> <li>▪ Occupational Therapy Services</li> <li>▪ Speech and Language Therapy Services</li> <li>▪ Physical Therapy Services</li> <li>▪ Positive Behavior Support Services - Level 1-3</li> <li>▪ In-Home Respite Care</li> <li>▪ Out-of-Home Respite Care</li> <li>▪ Personal Care Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Care on Worksite Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Care Transportation Services</li> <li>▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Services</li> <li>▪ Specialized Medical Equipment Services</li> <li>▪ Specialized Medical Supplies Services</li> <li>▪ Skilled Nursing Services</li> <li>▪ Community Specialist Services</li> <li>▪ Crisis Intervention Services</li> <li>▪ Individual Directed Goods and Services</li> <li>▪ Benefits Counseling Services</li> <li>▪ Benefits Reporting Assistance Services</li> <li>▪ Community Experience Services</li> <li>▪ Assistance in Community Integration Services</li> <li>▪ Personal Emergency Response System Services</li> <li>▪ Supported Employment Transportation Services</li> </ul>
Waiver criteria :	Nursing facility level of care	ICF/IID level of care	ICF/IID level of care
What groups can be eligible for this waiver?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individuals receiving SSI</li> <li>▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation</li> <li>▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid</li> <li>▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate</li> <li>▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individuals receiving SSI</li> <li>▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid</li> <li>▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate</li> <li>▪ Low Income Families with Children</li> <li>▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SSI recipients</li> <li>▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals</li> <li>▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid</li> <li>▪ Low Income Families with Children</li> <li>▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI</li> </ul>
Enrollment Limit:	9,355	5,260	769
Is there an age requirement?	No age requirement	3 years and older	3 years and older
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Mental Health	Alabama Department. of Mental Health
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Department of Senior Services <a href="http://www.adss.alabama.gov">www.adss.alabama.gov</a>	Alabama Department of Mental Health <a href="http://www.mh.alabama.gov">www.mh.alabama.gov</a>	Alabama Department of Mental Health <a href="http://www.mh.alabama.gov">www.mh.alabama.gov</a>
Who are the contact persons?	Jean Stone 1-800-243-5463	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491  Rita Wingard 334-242-3719	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491  Rita Wingard 334-242-3719
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

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Name of Waiver	Technology Assisted Waiver for Adults (Since 2003)	Alabama Community Transition (ACT) Waiver (Since 2011)	State of Alabama Independent Living Waiver (Since 1992)
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 disabilities or long term illnesses, who live in a nursing facility and who desire to transition to the home or community setting	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 with complex skilled medical conditions who are ventilator dependent or who has a tracheostomy.	Individuals with disabilities or long term illnesses currently residing in a nursing facility.	Individuals with specific diagnoses*
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private Duty Nursing</li> <li>▪ Personal Care/Attendant Services</li> <li>▪ Medical Supplies</li> <li>▪ Assistive Technology</li> </ul> <p>Targeted Case Management which includes transitional services (A covered service under Medicaid's State Plan).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Case Management</li> <li>▪ Transitional Assistance</li> <li>▪ Personal Care</li> <li>▪ Homemaker Services</li> <li>▪ Adult Day Health</li> <li>▪ Home Delivered Meals</li> <li>▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled)</li> <li>▪ Skilled Nursing</li> <li>▪ Adult Companion Services</li> <li>▪ Home Modifications</li> <li>▪ Assistive Technology</li> <li>▪ Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) Installation/Monthly Fee</li> <li>▪ Medical Equipment Supplies and Appliances</li> <li>▪ Personal Assistant Services (PAS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Case Management **</li> <li>▪ Personal Care</li> <li>▪ Personal Assistance Service</li> <li>▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations **</li> <li>▪ Personal Emergency Response System (Initial Setup)</li> <li>▪ Personal Emergency Response System (Monthly Fee)</li> <li>▪ Medical Supplies</li> <li>▪ Minor Assistive Technology</li> <li>▪ Assistive Technology**</li> <li>▪ Evaluation for Assistive Technology</li> <li>▪ Assistive Technology Repairs</li> </ul> <p>**Includes Transitional Services</p>
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"> <li>▪ Individuals receiving SSI</li> <li>▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI</li> <li>▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate</li> <li>▪ Individuals receiving SSI</li> <li>▪ Individuals determined to be eligible for transition into the community based upon an assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individuals receiving SSI</li> <li>▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation</li> <li>▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid</li> <li>▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate</li> </ul>
Enrollment Limit:	Up to 80	675	660
Is there an age requirement?	21 years and older	No age requirement	18 years and older
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Medicaid Agency <a href="http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov">www.medicaid.alabama.gov</a>	Alabama Department of Senior Services <a href="http://www.adss.alabama.gov">www.adss.alabama.gov</a>	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services <a href="http://www.rehab.alabama.gov">www.rehab.alabama.gov</a>
Who are the contact persons?	Jessie Burris 1-877-425-2243	Jessie Burris 1-877-425-2243	Lisa Alford 1-844-602-7245
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. 44	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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