

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS WAIVER

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Introduction

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Population Served

Intellectual disability

A condition in which an individual demonstrates significantly below - average intellectual functioning (a valid IQ of 70 or below), and has concurrent deficits in adaptive functioning in at least two of the following areas:

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Related disability

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Requirements to Participate

In order to become enrolled in the CS Waiver, a potential enrollee must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ **be allocated a waiver slot.**
- ✓ **be given the option of receiving services in his/her home and community or in an institution.**
- ✓ **be Medicaid enrolled or be eligible to receive South Carolina Medicaid.**
- ✓ **have needs that can be met by the provision of waiver services.**
- ✓ **meet ICF/IID Level of Care.**

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- ✓ be given the option of receiving services in his/her home and community or in an institution. To be enrolled in the waiver, the individual or representative must choose home and community-based services, and this choice must be documented in writing and kept in the participant's waiver case record. This is called "Freedom of Choice".

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Once a slot is awarded and all requirements and conditions are met, the applicant may be enrolled in the waiver. Upon enrollment, participants are assessed for needed services. Those services are then developed into a Support Plan and waiver budget. Waiver Case Managers then authorize qualified providers to render services according to the plan.

Overview of Services

The following services may be funded by Medicaid through South Carolina's CS Waiver based on assessed needs. Assessed needs must not exceed the individual cost limit set annually.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Services

Care furnished to someone age 18 or older 5 or more hours per day for one or more days per week, in an outpatient setting, encompassing both health and social services

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Assistance with activities of daily living and personal care for those participants who are able to self-direct their care either directly or through a responsible party

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Employment Services

Intensive, on-going supports for participants for whom competitive employment at or above minimum wage is unlikely absent the provision of supports

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Physical adaptations to the participant's home which are necessary to ensure the safety of the participant (e.g., installation of ramps and grab-bars)

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An electronic device that enables participants at high risk of institutionalization to secure help in an emergency

limited to those participants who live alone or who are alone in their own home for three or more hours of the day or night and who would otherwise require extensive routine supervision

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Assistive Technology and Appliances and Consultation

A device, an item, piece of equipment, or product system, that is used to increase or improve functional capacities of participants thereby resulting in a decrease or avoidance of need for other waiver services (e.g., personal care, respite, etc.)

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Diapers, underpads, wipes, liners, and disposable gloves provided to participants who are at least twenty-one (21) years old and who are incontinent of bowel and/or bladder according to the established medical criteria



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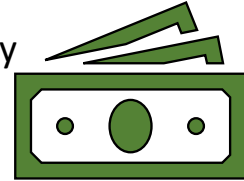
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Further information and details on these services and specific limitations related to these services are discussed in Chapter 9 of the CS Waiver Manual that you can find on SCDDSN's website.

CS Waiver Cost Cap

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Waiting List Management

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Services, Policies and Procedures



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