



The Connect to Work Center
The Premier Resource Center for Benefits Information

WHAT IS A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM?

Medicaid Waiver Programs are a very important source of money to pay for services and supports that some people with disabilities need to be able to live and work in their communities. There are several kinds of Waivers that are available:

Katie Beckett Waiver

This waiver allows children and certain others with serious disabilities who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid only in an institution to remain living at home and in the community. This waiver provides case management. Without this waiver, the income and assets of the parents are counted for children up to age 18.

- For more information contact 1-800-445-5349.

Department of Developmental Services Waivers

DDS waivers allow persons with Developmental Disabilities who meet the ICF/MR level of care to remain living at home and in the community. Services offered under their waivers include: specialized day and prevocational habilitation, supported employment, 24-hour residential habilitation (individual or group), and transportation.

- For more information, contact (860) 418-6000.

PCA (Personal Care Assistance) Waiver

Allows Connecticut residents who are at least age 18 to hire PCAs for help with activities of daily living (dressing, bathing, toileting, transferring and eating). This waiver can also be used to hire assistance to help with activities like transportation and shopping. You have full control over the hiring/firing, training, scheduling and managing of your PCAs.

- Contact your local Department of Social Services office for eligibility requirements.

ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) Waiver

Provides assistance to adults at least age 18 who have an acquired brain injury and would need to live in a long term care facility if they had no waiver services.

The program pays for 21 medical and non-medical services such as case management, pca, chore services, respite care, vocational supports and other services that help people to live in the community.

- For more information, contact your local Department of Social Services office.