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Acquired Brain Injury and Personal Care Assistance: Medicaid Waiver Programs

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An unwavering commitment...

Medicaid Waiver programs are here to help Connecticut residents with various medical needs live independently at home or in the community, rather than in an institutional setting. The programs provide financial support for home- and community-based services that ordinarily would not be covered by Medicaid because of income or other factors. Our goal is to help you live the way you want by helping you live where you want. All to enjoy independence for yourself but not by yourself.

Two Connecticut Medicaid Waiver programs are the Acquired Brain Injury and Personal Care Assistance:

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver

This Medicaid Waiver program provides a range of non-medical, home- and community-based services to help persons with acquired brain injury live as independently as possible. Services include assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing, transferring and toileting. Other supports include companion services, adaptive equipment/assistive technology, home modification, and training to help with managing other life activities, including work.

Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Waiver

This Medicaid Waiver program provides access to resources to hire assistants to help with the activities of daily living. This includes eating, bathing, dressing, transferring and toileting. You must have a significant need for hands-on assistance with at least two activities of daily living and be without access to family and community support to meet your needs. You must also be able to direct your own care and supervise private household employees, or have a conservator to do so.

ABI and PCA Medicaid Waiver eligibility

- Connecticut residents who are eligible for all Medicaid-covered services
- 18 through 64 years of age
- Able to participate in the development of a service plan in partnership with a Department of Social Services social worker or have a conservator to do so
- Income and assets are reviewed for eligibility

Qualifications

For ABI, you must have an acquired brain injury, not a developmental disorder or degenerative disorder. For PCA, you must have a permanent, severe and chronic physical disability that requires you to have hands-on help with at least two of the following activities of daily living: bathing, dressing, eating, transferring, toileting. A DSS social worker will help you through the application process.

Work and your benefits

MED-Connect is a special program designed for working people with disabilities. MED-Connect allows higher-than-normal eligibility income and asset limits to qualify for Medicaid. For more information, please call 2-1-1 Infoline or visit www.ct.gov/med.

How to apply

To apply for the Acquired Brain Injury or Personal Care Assistance Medicaid Waiver programs, please call 1-888-794-6337 or call 2-1-1 Infoline. **Or, to download an application, please visit www.ct.gov/dss/**

We get back to you

Once your application is received, the DSS Social Work Services Division will be in touch within 30 days.

Waiting list

Participation in the Medicaid Waiver programs is limited. When all available slots are filled, eligible applicants are placed on a waiting list, which is accessed on a first-come, first-served basis. You are encouraged to apply even when there is a waiting list so the process can be started.