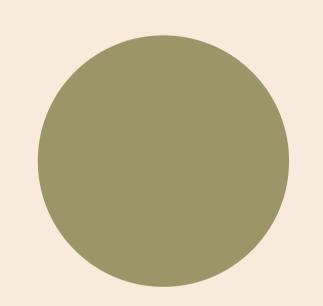
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Colorado Medicaid Waivers

- A Medicaid Waiver is designed as an extra benefit to Health First Colorado (Medicaid) to support children with disabilities and allow them to remain in their homes and communities.
 - Health First Colorado (HFC) Benefits are still available for qualified services such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy, private duty nursing, and other HFC benefits
- Children's Medicaid Waivers DO NOT count household income and are solely based on diagnosis of the patient. When filling out the application, count your child's income and assets only.

List of Pediatric Waivers

- Children with Life Limiting Illnesses (CLLI)
- Children's Extensive Services (CES)
- Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP)
- Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS)



Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)

The Children's Extensive Support (CES) Waiver helps children and families by providing services and supports that will help children establish a long-term foundation for community inclusion as they grow into adulthood. Transition to Adult Waivers is seamless and bypass wait lists.

Level of Care

• Children must meet Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care which is determined by the Functional Needs Assessment.

Eligibility

- Are less than 18 years of age.
- Have been determined to have a developmental disability.
 - Must have a documented neurological diagnosis or evidence of a neurological impairment.
 - Adaptive or IQ Score below 70.
 - Cannot be attributed solely to a physical or mental health condition.
- Live in the family home.
- Demonstrate a medical or behavioral condition that is so intense that almost constant line of sight supervision is required to keep the child and others safe.

Apply at your County's Community Centered Board

CES Services

- Adaptive Therapeutic Recreational Equipment and Fees
- Assistive Technology
- Community Connector
- Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Homemaker Services
- Parent Education

- Professional Services
 - Hippotherapy
 - Massage Therapy
 - Movement Therapy
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies
- Vehicle Adaptations
- Youth Day Program

These services work in conjunction with Health First Colorado Benefits, so a family member may be paid to provide Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or Private Duty Nursing (PDN) in their home.

Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)

The Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (CHCBS) is available for children with significant medical needs who are at risk for institutional care in an acute hospital or skilled nursing facility.

Level of Care

- Your child must need long-term support services at a level comparable to services typically provided in a skilled nursing facility and/or an acute hospital.
- Your child must meet the Social Security Administration (SSA) definition of disability.

Eligibility Group

- Your child must not have reached their 18th birthday.
- Your child requires medical care that would typically be provided in either a skilled nursing facility and/or an acute hospital.

Apply at your County's Single Entry Point or a Private Case Management Agency

CHCBS Services

Case Management Services

• In-Home Support Services (IHSS)

- Family members are allowed to work and bill as an IHSS provider for their child.
- Personal Care includes assistance with activities such as bathing, dressing or eating.
- Health Maintenance includes assistance with skilled healthrelated activities that are typically provided by a certified or licensed skilled attendant such as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Licensed Professional Nurse (LPN), or Registered Nurse (RN).
- Homemaker Services include assistance with general household activities needed to maintain a healthy and safe living environment, such as housekeeping, meal preparation and laundry.



Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI)

The CLLI program provides Health First Colorado benefits in the home for children with a life-limiting illness. This waiver allows you to seek curative treatment while your child is receiving palliative care.

Level of Care

- Your child must be at risk of institutionalization in a hospital setting.
- Your child must meet the Social Security Administration definition of disability

Eligibility Group

- Your child must be 18 years or younger.
- Your child must have a life-limiting illness certified by a physician.

Apply at your County's Single Entry Point

CLLI Services

- Counseling/Bereavement Services
- Expressive Therapy
- Massage Therapy
- Palliative/Supportive Care
- Respite Care Services
- Therapeutic Life Limiting Illness Support

These services work in conjunction with Health First Colorado Benefits, so a child can still access long term care benefits such as CNA, LPN, or RN services. A family member may provide the long term care services.

Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

The Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Waiver provides services for children and youth who have an intellectual or developmental disability and very high needs. Their needs for support put them at risk of, or in need of, out-of-home placement. Waiver services help children and youth learn and maintain the skills needed to live in their communities. Transition to Adult Waivers is seamless and bypass wait lists.

Level of Care

• Children must meet Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care which is determined by the Functional Needs Assessment

Eligibility

- Your child is aged 0-20 years old.
- Your child has an intellectual or developmental disability or developmental delay if under age five (5) and has intensive behavioral or medical support needs that put them at risk or in need of out-of-home placement.

Apply at your County's Community Center Board

CHRP Services

- Community Connector
- Respite Services
- Professional Services
 - Hippotherapy
 - Massage
 - Movement Therapy
- Intensive Support Services
 - Wraparound Facilitator and Wraparound Plan
 - Prevention/Monitoring
 - Child & Youth Mentorship

- Transition Support Services
 - Wraparound Facilitator and Wraparound Plan
 - Prevention/Monitoring
 - Child & Youth Mentorship
 - Habilitation Services Residential 24-Hour Support
 - Cognitive Services
 - Communication Services
 - Emergency Assistance Training
 - Independent Living Training
 - Personal Care Services
 - Self-Advocacy Training
 - Supervision Services
 - Travel Services

Commonly Needed Documentation

- Documented medical diagnosis
- School records with documentation of evaluations and support services
- Medical documentation to justify level of care services
- Cognitive or Adaptative Behavior testing for CES and CHRP Waivers



Family Support Services Program (FSSP)

Family Support Eligibility

- Age 3 5
 - Documented developmental delay upon exiting Early Intervention
 - Currently eligible for special education services through the school district
 - Have a medical diagnosis known to result in developmental delays
- Age 5 and over
 - Documented developmental disability as defined by the State of Colorado which means both a neurological diagnosis and an adaptive or IQ score of 70 or below

Benefits and Services

- Assistive Technology
- Environmental Engineering
- Medical and Dental Items
- Parent and Sibling Support
- Respite
- Transportation

Apply at your Community Centered Board

Where Do I Start?

- Rocky Mountain Human Services serves as both the SEP and CCB for Denver County
 - o 9900 E. Iliff Avenue, Denver, CO 80231
 - Main Phone SEP: 1-844-790-RMHS (7647)
 - Main Phone CCB: 303-636-5600
 - Website: <u>www.rmhumanservices.org</u>
- List of SEPs by county: hcpf.colorado.gov/community-centered-boards
- List of CCBs by county: hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies

Timeline

- New pediatric applications can take up to 3 to 6 months
- Transition from child to adult waiver should begin at 17 years 9 months*
- Children on the CES and CHRP Waivers can bypass the Adult DD Waiver waitlist
- Any child can be Developmental Disability (DD) Determined at age 14 to be placed on the Adult DD Waiver Waitlist



*We recommend beginning the conversation of transition starting at 16 years old to establish a plan and timeline to gather necessary documentation