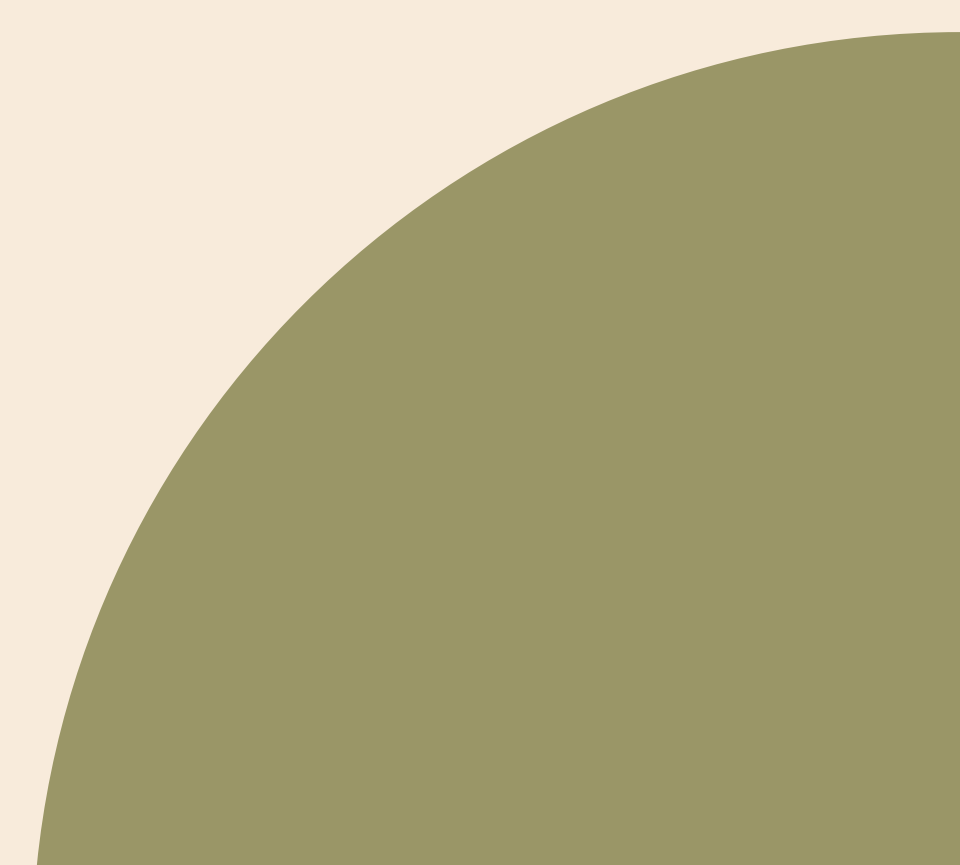


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# Colorado Medicaid Waivers

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## What is a Medicaid Waiver?

- A Medicaid Waiver is designed as an extra benefit to Health First Colorado (Medicaid) to support children, youth, or adults with disabilities allowing them to remain in their homes and communities.
- Children's Medicaid Waivers DO NOT count household income and are solely based on child's diagnosis.
- Adult Medicaid Waiver programs DO count income and require Social Security Disability eligibility; however, they also offer buy-in options in order to allow working adults with disabilities to receive services necessary to remain in their homes and communities.

# How Does a Medicaid Waiver Work?

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- A Medicaid Waiver acts as a supplemental service, meeting needs often not met by primary insurance or Health First Colorado (Medicaid).
- If you have private insurance as your Primary Insurance, Health First Colorado will typically pick up all costs not covered.
- Additional services can be provided using Waiver funding beyond Primary Insurance and Health First Colorado.



# Where Do I Start?

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- Waivers are managed by either a Single Entry Point (SEP) or Community Centered Board (CCB)
  - List of SEP by county: [hcpf.colorado.gov/community-centered-boards](https://hcpf.colorado.gov/community-centered-boards)
  - List of CCB by county: [hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies](https://hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies)
- Rocky Mountain Human Services serves as both the SEP and CCB for Denver County
  - 9900 E. Iliff Avenue, Denver, CO 80231
  - Main Phone SEP: 1-844-790-RMHS (7647)
  - Main Phone CCB: 303-636-5600
  - Website: [www.rmhumanservices.org](https://www.rmhumanservices.org)

# List of Children's Medicaid Waivers

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- Children with Life Limiting Illnesses (CLLI) - Birth to 19
  - Apply at SEP
- Children's Extensive Services (CES) - Birth to 18
  - Apply at CCB
- Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) - Birth to 20
  - Apply at CCB
- Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) Birth to 18
  - Apply at SEP, CCB, or with a Private Case Management Agency



# List of Adult Waivers

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- Brain Injury Waiver (BI)
  - Apply at SEP
- Community Mental Health Supports Waiver (CMHS)
  - Apply at SEP
- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
  - Apply at CCB
- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD)
  - Apply at SEP
- Complementary and Integrative Health Waiver (CIH)
  - Apply at SEP
- Supported Living Services Waiver (SLS)
  - Apply at CCB



# Commonly Needed Documentation

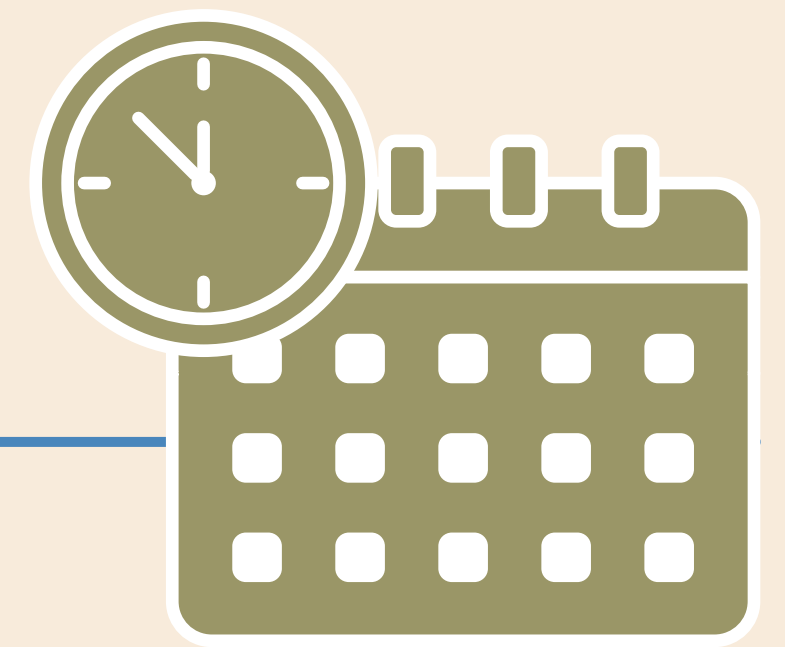
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- Documented medical diagnosis
- School records with documentation of evaluations and support services
- Medical documentation to justify level of care services
- Cognitive or Adaptive Behavior testing
- SSI Determination Letter or Denial Letter (Adult Waivers)



# Timeline

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- New Children's Waiver eligibility determinations can take 3 - 6 months.
- New Adult Waiver eligibility determinations applications can take up to 9 months.
- Transition from Children's to Adult Medicaid Waivers should begin at 17 years 9 months. \*
  - Children can obtain a Developmental Disability Determination at age 14 regardless of Waiver to be placed on the DD Adult Waiver Waitlist.
  - Children can automatically transition to the Adult DD Waiver and bypass the waitlist from the CES or CHRP Waivers.

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