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Colorado Medicaid Waivers

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.
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?

- 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
  - List of CCB by county: 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
List of Children's Medicaid Waivers

- 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

- 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

- 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
- SSI Determination Letter or Denial Letter (Adult Waivers)
Timeline

- 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.