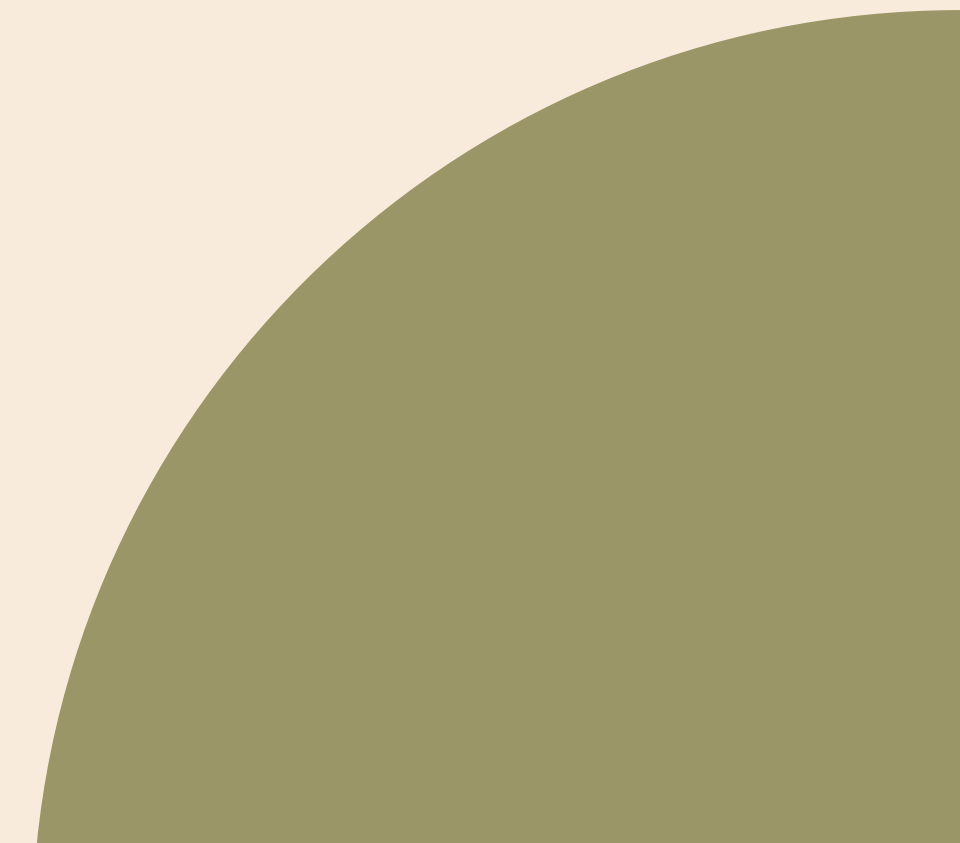


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- A waiver is an extra set of Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) benefits that you could qualify for in certain cases. These benefits can help you remain in your home and community.
- The Brain Injury (BI) Waiver helps people with a brain injury who need extra support to live in their communities.

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- BI services work with or add to the services that you receive through the Health First Colorado State Plan and other federal, state, and local public programs.
- BI also works with the supports that families and communities provide.
- If you receive services through the BI waiver, you are also eligible for all Health First Colorado covered services except nursing facility and long-term hospital care.

How do I Qualify?

Level of Care

- You require long-term support services at a level comparable to services typically provided in a nursing facility or hospital.

Eligibility Group

- You must be 16 years or older.
- You must have a brain injury.
- Your brain injury occurred before your 65th birthday.

Financial

- Your income must be less than three times the current Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) limit per month. (See SSI website for current information)
- For a single person, your countable resources must be less than \$2,000.
- For a couple, the countable resources must be less than \$3,000.
- If you do not meet these financial requirements, you may be eligible through the Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities.

Benefits and Services

- Behavioral Management and Education
- Day Treatment
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Modification
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Medication Reminder
- Mental Health Counseling
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Peer Mentorship
- Personal Care
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Transition Set Up
- Transitional Living Program



Benefits and Services

- **Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS)**

- Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) lets you direct and manage the attendants who provide your personal care, homemaker and health maintenance services, rather than working through an agency. Through CDASS, you are empowered to hire, train and manage attendants of your choice to best fit your unique needs or you may delegate these responsibilities to an Authorized Representative.



Benefits and Services

- Adult Day Services help you live independently in the community. Services are given in an Adult Day Center. Services include basic social and health services such as:
 - Social and recreational services
 - Help with daily activities like eating, dressing and bathing
 - Emergency services
 - Nutrition services
 - Health monitoring services
 - Medication supervision
 - Special services for more complex needs



Benefits and Services

- Alternative Care Facilities (ACF) provide assistive living services so you can stay in the community. Residences are licensed and certified.
 - Services include:
 - 24-hour oversight
 - Medication Administration
 - Personal Care
 - Homemaker Services
 - You pay the full cost of room and board and may have to share the cost of the services.



Commonly Needed Documentation

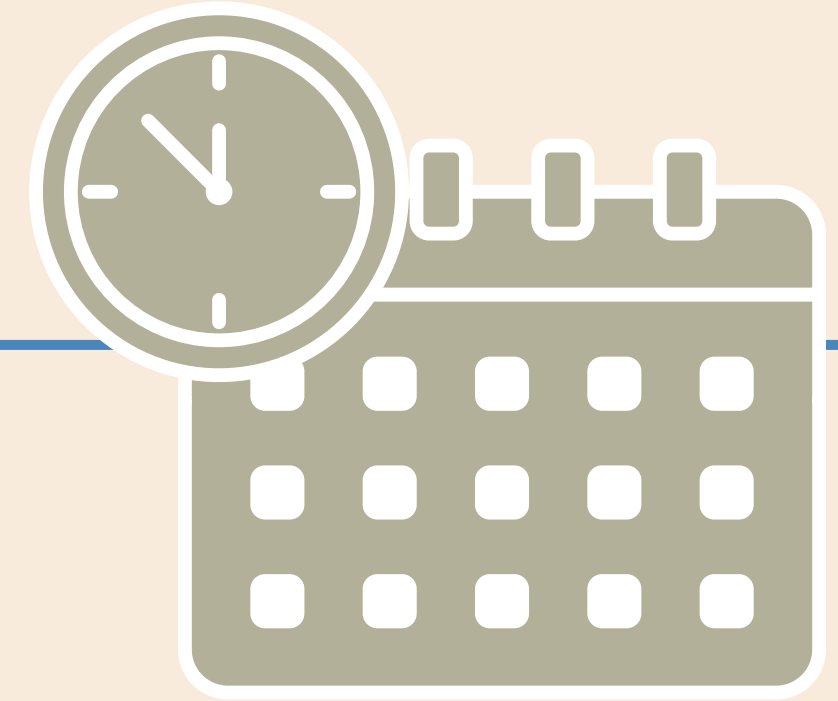
- Documented diagnosis
- Medical documentation to justify level of care services
- Daily breakdown of activities of daily living and how long each activity lasts



Where do I Start?

- Apply at your county's Single Entry Point (SEP)
 - List of SEPs by county: [/hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies](https://hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies)
- Denver County Residents apply at Rocky Mountain Human Services
 - 9900 E. Iliff Avenue, Denver, CO 80231
 - Main Phone: 1-844-790-RMHS (7647)
 - Website: www.rmhumanservices.org

Timeline



- 90 -180 days start to finish
- Timely response is key - always get your required documentation in as soon as possible.
- CDASS requires mandatory training before services start that can take up to 45 days to complete, depending on the individual.
- CDASS services require set up with an outside payroll agency and your employees must complete a packet and background check.