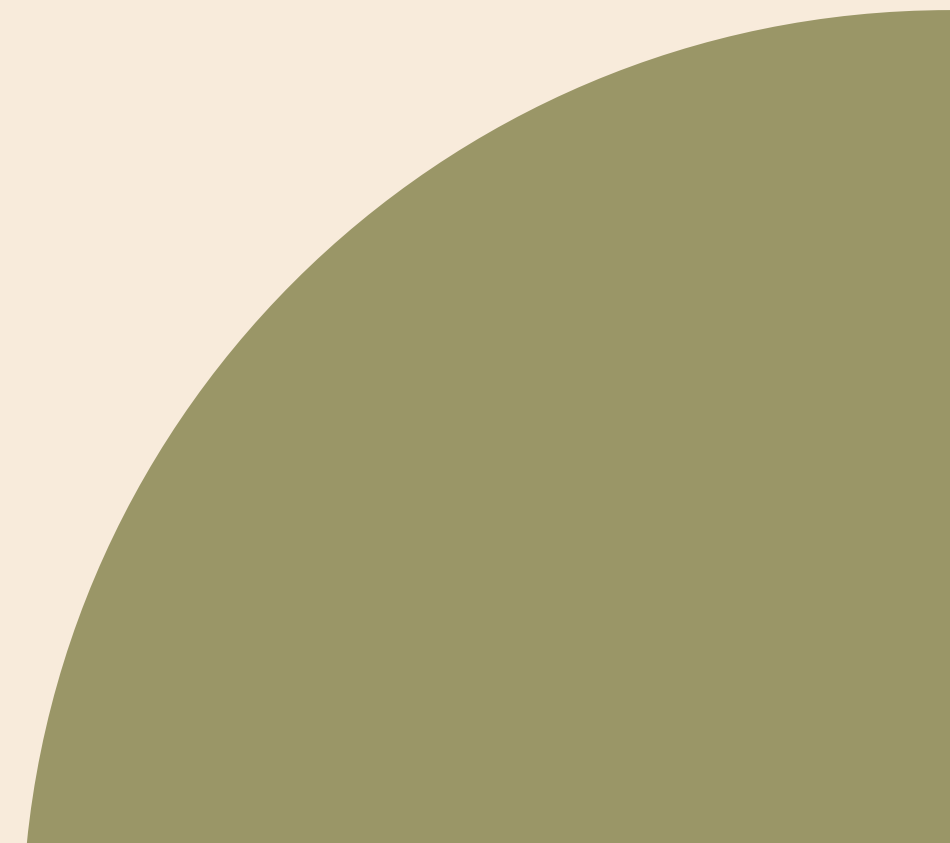


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Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD)



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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.
- Individuals who receive services through the DD waiver are also eligible for all Health First Colorado (Medicaid) services as long as they are not duplicate.

How do I Qualify?

- **Level of Care**

- Individuals must meet Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

- **Eligibility Group**

- Individuals must be determined by a Community Centered Board (CCB) to have a developmental disability
- Individuals must be 18 years or older
- Individuals must require access to services and supports 24 hours a day

- **Financial**

- Your income must be less than three times the current Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) limit per month.
- For a single person, their countable resources must be less than \$2,000 and for a couple it must be less than \$3,000.
- The Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities is now an option for this waiver.

Commonly Needed Documentation

- Documented developmental diagnosis
 - Requires a neurological diagnosis AND adaptive or IQ testing at or below 70
 - Cannot be attributed solely to either a physical or mental health condition
- Medical documentation to justify level of care services
- Daily breakdown of activities of daily living and how long each activity lasts



Benefits and Services

- The DD Waiver provides access to 24-hour, 7 days a week supervision through Residential Habilitation and Day Habilitation Services and Supports.
- The service provider (agency) is responsible to support individuals in services to find living arrangements. Living arrangements can range from host home settings with 1 - 2 persons, individualized settings of 1 - 3 persons, and group settings of 4- 8 persons.
- There is an option for residential supports for participants who live in their own home or who live with and/or are provided services by members of their family.



Benefits and Services

Day Habilitation Services

- **Day Habilitation Services** help you get, keep and improve self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills. These services take place away from your home unless there is a medical or safety need. Activities and environments are to help you gain skills, appropriate behavior, greater independence and personal choice.
- **There are two types of services:**
 - **Specialized Habilitation Services** help you reach your highest skill level so you can be more self-sufficient. Services include help with self-feeding, toileting, self-care, sensory stimulation and integration, self-sufficiency, maintenance skills and supervision.
 - **Supported Community Connections Services** support the abilities and skills needed for you to access typical activities of community life. These include community education or training, and retirement and volunteer activities.

These services give opportunities to create and build relationships and natural supports in the community.

Other Benefits and Services

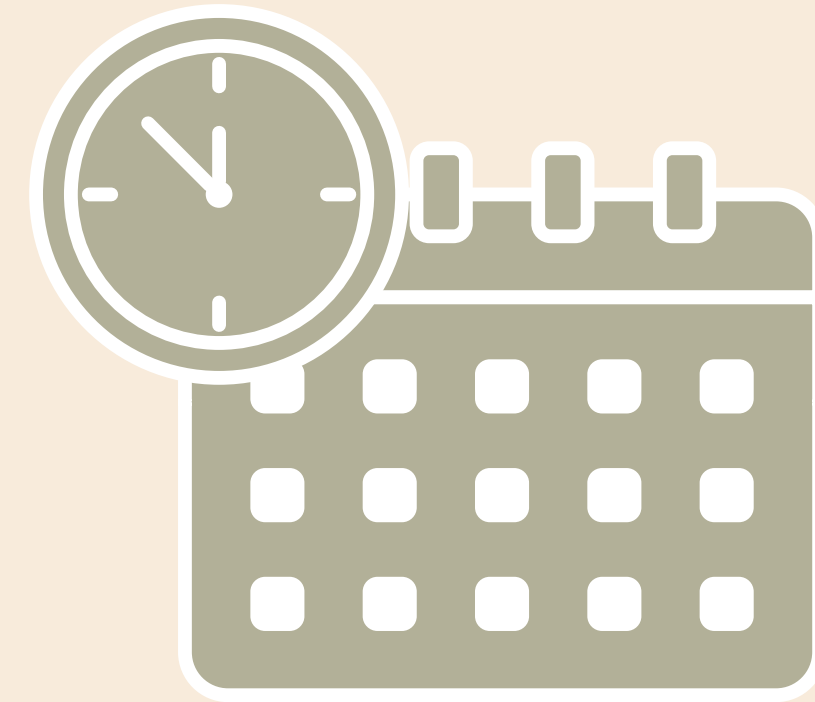


- Behavioral Services
- Dental Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Peer Mentorship
- Prevocational Services
- Respite Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Transition Set Up
- Vision Services

Where do I Start?

- Apply at your county's Community Center Board (CCB)
 - List of CCBs by county: 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 approval
- Timely response is key - always get your required documentation in as soon as possible.