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for people with disabilities

**Supported Living Services Waiver
(SLS)**

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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 Supported Living Services (SLS) waiver provides necessary services and supports for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities so they can remain in their homes and communities. The SLS waiver promotes individual choice and decision-making through the individualized planning process and the tailoring of services and supports.
- The person receiving services is responsible for his or her living arrangements which can include living with family or in their own home. Participants on this waiver do not require twenty-four (24) hour supervision.

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- SLS 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.
- SLS also works with the supports that families and communities provide.
- If you receive services through the SLS 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**

- 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 an intellectual and developmental disability
- Individuals must be 18 years or older

- **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.
- 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.

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

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.

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

- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Services
- Dental Services
- Health Maintenance Activities
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Modifications
- Homemaker Services
- Life Skills Training
- Mentorship

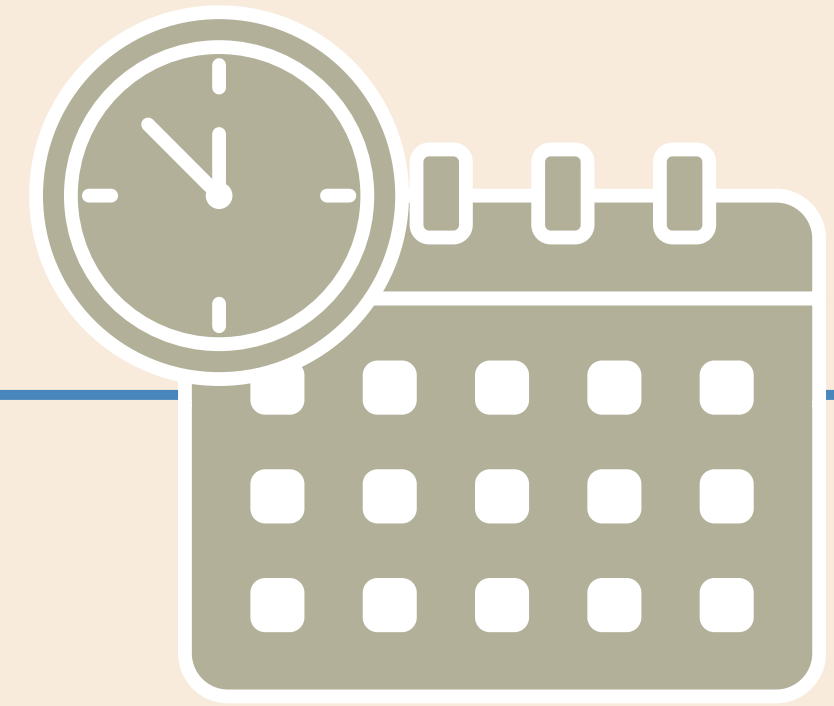


- Non-Medical Transportation
- Peer Mentorship
- Personal Care Services
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Prevocational Services
- Professional Services (Includes Hippotherapy, Massage & Movement Therapy)
- Respite Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Transition Set Up
- Vehicle Modifications
- 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.
- 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. This may take up to 15 days.