

# DHCF & DDS



*present*  
*useful facts about*

## The DC Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver Program for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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# What is the HCBS Waiver???



- The HCBS waiver provides Medicaid funding for community-based services
- Requires that a set of criteria be met to be eligible for HCBS enrollment
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provides states with an application to fill-out (called the waiver application or waiver template)
- The state fills out the required application, and submits it to CMS for approval

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# Overview of the §1915 (c) HCBS Waiver Authority



- Social Security Act allows states to waive some Medicaid requirements in order to provide a variety of home and community-based services to Medicaid beneficiaries to institutionalization.
- Services available through the Medicaid State plan and other federal, state, and local programs as well as supports that families, friends, and communities provide.

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# HCBS Waiver Application



**Initial** application is  
approved for

**3**  
**years**

**Renewal** applications  
are approved for

**5**  
**years**

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# How to acquire the HCBS Waiver?



- Every application must address how a state intends to meet the specific CMS requirements known as the **HCBS waiver Assurances**
- States providing HCBS waiver services must make specific Assurances to the federal government
- A state can only continue operating HCBS services if they comply with the Assurances

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# Waiver Design Can Be Flexible



Each state designs a HCBS Waiver based upon:

- Target population to be served
- Number of people to be served
- Services provided
- Self-direction (as an option)
- Geographic area served
- Administrative structure of operating the waiver

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# Waiver Rules — what cannot be done



- Cannot give cash directly to an individual enrolled in the waiver or the legally responsible adult...(but participant directed and controlled services are perfectly permissible).
- Cannot pay for room and board with Medicaid money
- Cannot pay for exactly the same service that is covered by a Medicaid card (Basic State Plan) until you first use up Medicaid card services

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# Waiver Rules –Cont.



- Cannot pay for services that Vocational Rehabilitation or the public schools are supposed to pay for
- Cannot do general home repair with waiver dollars.
- Cannot cover a few services such as recreation, guardianship, or institutional services except respite care provided at a facility

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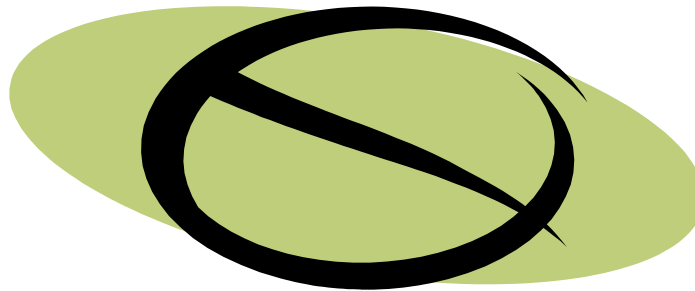




# Waiver Rules –Cont.



- Cannot serve individuals who don't meet the DC Medicaid eligibility criteria (up to 300% SSI *if* enrolled in the waiver for income limits)
- Cannot serve individuals who don't meet the DC Level of Care eligibility criteria



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# Waiver Administration & Operation



- May be operated directly by the Medicaid agency or by another state agency.
- For the ID/DD Waiver, DDS has an agreement with DHCF to operate the waiver.

Administrative Agency	Operating Agency
DHCF	DDS/DDA

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# Role of DHCF



- The single state Medicaid agency
- Has administrative authority for the waiver
- Work collaboratively with DDS
- Provide monitoring, oversight, and feedback to DDS
- Ensure DDS complies with all of the waiver assurances
- Ensure effective systems are in place to administer the waiver
- Ensure individuals have the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing if needed
- Ensure the waiver is cost neutral

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# Role of DDS



- Work collaboratively with the Department of Health Care Finance- the Administrative Oversight Agency for the Waiver.
- Determine waiver eligibility and level of care determinations.
- Coordinate, complete and approve the ISP and Plan of Care.
- Authorize waiver services per the published rules/completing service authorizations.
- Monitor the delivery and quality of services and supports ordered in the Plan of care.
- Recruit waiver providers, and recommend approval/denial to DHCF for provider enrollment.
- Perform annual certification of waiver providers.
- Ensure staff training requirements are followed.
- Monitor the physical plant safety of facility-based services.

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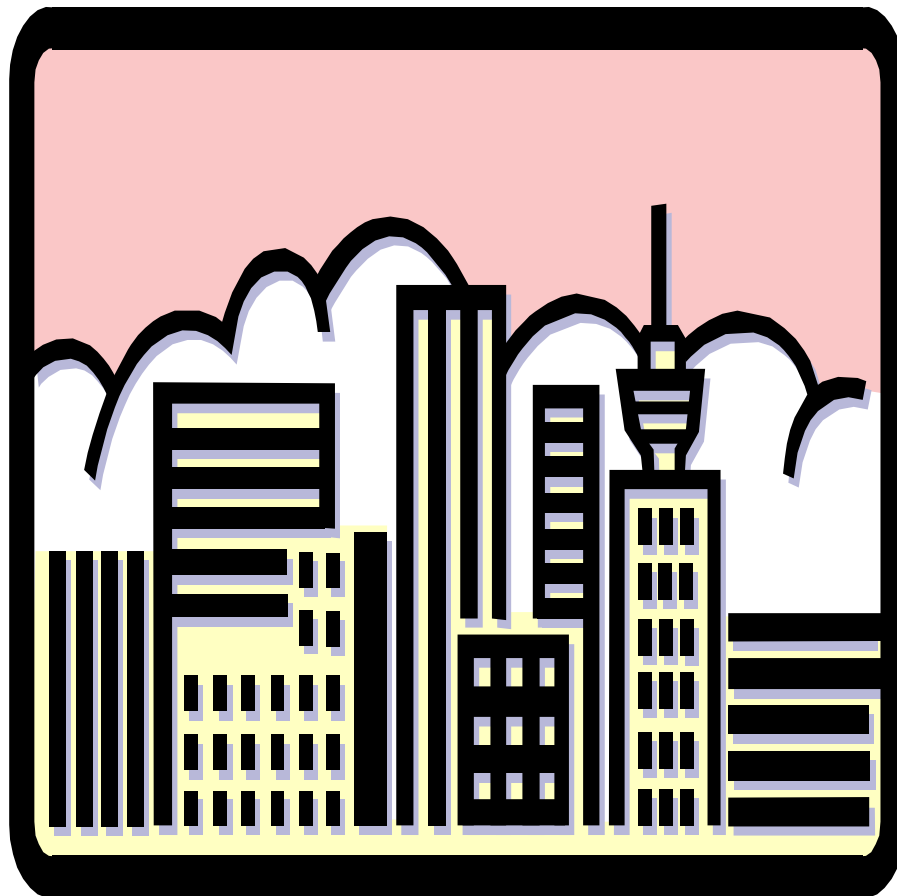
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# DDS Services in the Waiver



- Where people work
  - Day Habilitation
  - Pre-Vocational
  - Supported Employment



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# DDS Services in the Waiver



- Where people live
  - Residential Habilitation
  - Supported Living
  - In-Home Support
  - Personal Care
  - Host Family
  - Live In Care Giver

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# DDS Services in the Waiver



## Professional Services

- Speech, Hearing, Language \*
- Occupational Therapy \*
- Physical Therapy \*
- Nutritional Therapy \*
- Community Support Team
- Skilled Nursing \*
- Behavior Supports
- Family Training \*
- Other Professional Services \*



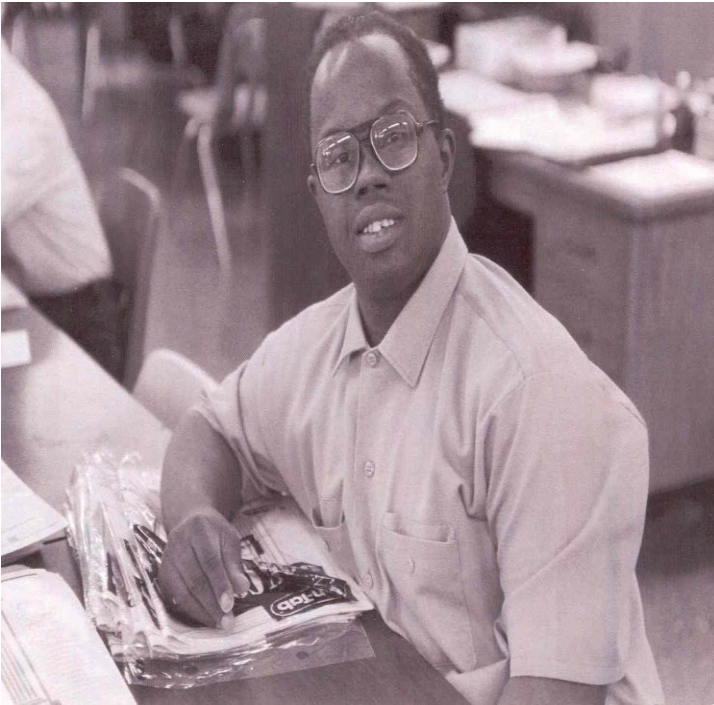
**\* (Restrictions apply: Independent Waiver Providers or Home Health Agencies)**

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# DDS Services in the Waiver



- Personal Emergency Response Services (PERS)
- Respite
- Vehicle Modification
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptation.

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# Questions & Answers



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# Thank You for coming out.

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