

# DDS HCBS MassHealth Waivers

Fact Sheet 2020

## What are DDS HCBS MassHealth Waivers?

In Massachusetts, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers allow MassHealth to provide services and supports to Department of Developmental Services (DDS) consumers living in their homes or in other community-based settings. For example, group homes, adult foster homes or assisted living facilities.

The purpose of the waiver is to provide an alternative for DDS consumers needing long-term assistance, who choose to live in the community rather than in an institution or a nursing facility.

## What are the non-financial eligibility requirements?

To qualify, the consumer must:

- Be eligible for DDS services
- Have MassHealth Standard
- Be 22 years of age or older
- Be eligible for Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability
- Be willing to receive services in the community, and
- Get DDS approval for waiver services

## What are the financial eligibility requirements?

To qualify, the consumer must also have:

- Countable assets worth \$2,000 or less and
- Countable income less than or equal to three times the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Benefit Rate, which in 2020 is \$2,349

## What are the HCBS Adult Waivers offered in Massachusetts?

- The Adult Supports Waiver
- The Community Living Waiver
- The Intensive Supports Waiver

## What services do HCBS Waivers offer?

Massachusetts offers a variety of unlimited services under an HCBS Waiver program. Programs can provide a combination of standard medical services and non-medical services, including but not limited to, case management, transportation, home health aide, personal care, adult day health services, rehabilitation (both day and residential), respite care, etc. For a complete list of all services offered, visit:

[www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dmr/hcsis/hcbs-brief.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dmr/hcsis/hcbs-brief.pdf)

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