DDS HCBS MassHealth Waivers

Fact Sheet 2024

What are DDS HCBS MassHealth Waivers?

In Massachusetts, waivers for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) allow MassHealth (Medicaid in Massachusetts) to provide services and supports to Department of Developmental Services (DDS) consumers living in their homes, or in other community-based settings e.g., group homes, adult foster homes, assisted living facilities. The purpose of the waivers are 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 an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability
- Be willing to receive services in the community
- Get DDS approval for waiver services

What are the financial eligibility requirements?

To qualify, the consumer must have:

- Countable assets of $2,000 *or less*, and
- Countable income*, less than or equal to*, three times the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Benefit Rate ($2,829 in 2024)

What are the HCBS Adult Waivers offered in Massachusetts?

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

What services do HCBS Waivers offer?

Massachusetts offers a variety of unlimited services under the HCBS Waiver program. Programs can provide a combination of standard medical services and non-medical services. These services include, but are not limited to:

- case management
- transportation
- home health aide
- personal care
- adult day health services
- rehabilitation (both day and residential)
- respite care

See the complete list of all services offered:

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