

Independent Living Waiver

Home and Community-Based Services



What is the Independent Living Waiver?

The Independent Living Waiver is a statewide program, administered jointly by the Division of Medicaid and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. It is designed to offer assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries. The program allows qualified individuals to remain in a home or community-based setting.

Who is Qualified?

- Beneficiaries must be 16 years of age or older.
- Persons qualified for Medicaid by either SSI or 300% of SSI
- Children up to 185% Federal Poverty level
- Foster Children (FC)
- Adoption Assistance Foster Children (AAFC)
- Disabled Child Living at Home (DCLH).
- Beneficiary must have a severe neurological or orthopedic impairment.
- Persons must require nursing facility level of care, if assistance is not provided.
- Beneficiaries must score 50 or above on the Medicaid Long Term Care Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) instrument.

What services are offered under this waiver?

Case Management

- Everyone who participates in this waiver is assigned to a Regional Rehabilitation counselor. The purpose of the counselor is to monitor the services included in the beneficiary's plan of care and to reevaluate annually the level of care required for each participant.

Transition Assistance

- This is provided to a beneficiary currently residing in a nursing facility who wishes to transition from the nursing facility to the Independent Living Waiver.

Personal Care Attendant

- The Personal Care Attendant (PCA) will provide assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, and activities of daily living. When specified in the plan of care, this service can include light housekeeping duties.
- The waiver beneficiary is responsible for hiring his or her own Personal Care Attendant. ALL PCA's must be trained and must complete a supervised practical training period in order to become certified by the case managers as competent to perform the required tasks.

Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

- This includes devices, controls, or appliances, specified in the plan of care, which enable individuals to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living, or to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live.

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

- These are physical adaptations to the home, required by the individual's plan of care, which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual, or which enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home, and without which the individual would require institutionalization.

All persons who are eligible to receive Home and Community-Based Services under this waiver must first be approved through the Division of Medicaid.

For more information

Where do I call for help?

For more information about the Independent Living Waiver contact the Division of Medicaid Long Term Care at:

Office of the Governor
Division of Medicaid
HCBS Division
550 High Street
Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000
Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1399

Or Phone:
1-800-421-2408
1-601-359-6141

You may also contact the Department of Rehabilitation Services at 1-800-443-1000.

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