

TEXAS WAIVER PROGRAMS

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WHAT IS A WAIVER PROGRAM?

- PROVIDES DAY HABILITATION, RESPITE, SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, SUPPORT CONSULTATION, ADAPTIVE AIDS, AUDIOLOGY SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, DENTAL TREATMENT, DIETARY SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS, NURSING, OCCUPATIONAL ...

THE WAIVER PROGRAMS

- COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CLASS) WAIVER
- DEAF BLIND AND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (DBMD) WAIVER
- HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCS) WAIVER
- MEDICALLY DEPENDENT CHILDREN PROGRAM (MDCP)
- STAR+PLUS HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS)
- TEXAS HOME LIVING (TxHML) WAIVER
- YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (YES)

COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE SUPPORT SERVICES (CLASS)

CLASS SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR A RELATED CONDITION. THIS CONDITION HAD TO OCCUR BEFORE THE AGE OF 22 AND IT AFFECTS A PERSON'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN DAILY LIFE.

THERE ARE OVER 200 RELATED CONDITIONS AND THESE CONDITIONS CAN BE FOUND AT [HHSC](#) WEBSITE.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS

- AN INDIVIDUAL ALSO MUST HAVE SUBSTANTIAL FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOLLOWING FIELD:
- LEARNING
- MOBILITY
- SELF-CARE
- LANGUAGE
- SELF-DIRECTION
- INDEPENDENT LIVING (AGE 10 AND OLDER)
- BASED ON A CHILD'S INCOME

SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER CLASS PROGRAM

- ADAPTIVE AIDS
- AUDITORY ENHANCEMENT/AUDITORY INTEGRATION TRAINING
- BEHAVIOR SUPPORT
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- COGNITIVE REHABILITATION THERAPY
- DENTAL SERVICES
- DIETARY SERVICES
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER CLASS

MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS

NURSING

OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

RESPITE

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION

SERVICES UNIQUE TO CLASS

- FAMILY SERVICES
- SUPPORT FAMILY SERVICES
- AND MANY OF THE SPECIALIZED THERAPIES

- THE CLASS WAITING LIST NUMBER IS **877-438-5658** ASK FOR CLASS WAIVER PROGRAM

DEAF BLIND AND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (DBMD) WAIVER

DBMD PROVIDES HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEAFBLINDNESS AND ANOTHER DISABILITY AS A COST-EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO AN INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR RELATED CONDITIONS (ICF/IID). THE DBMD PROGRAM FOCUSES ON INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO COMMUNICATE AND INTERACT WITH THEIR ENVIRONMENT. SERVICES PROVIDED ARE BASED ON THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND ON AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF CARE (IPC) DEVELOPED BY THE SERVICE PLANNING TEAM, WHICH INCLUDES (AT A MINIMUM) THE INDIVIDUAL, THE CASE MANAGER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROGRAM PROVIDER.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DEAF BLIND WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (DBMD) WAIVER

- DBMD SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO TEXAS RESIDENTS NOT LIVING IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING WHO:
 - HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OF DEAFBLINDNESS (OR A RELATED CONDITION THAT WILL RESULT IN DEAFBLINDNESS) AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSIS
 - HAVE A RELATED CONDITION THAT WAS DISPLAYED BEFORE AGE 22
 - MEET THE LEVEL-OF-CARE CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT IN AN ICF/IID
 - DO NOT EXCEED SPECIFIED INCOME AND RESOURCE LIMITS
 - ARE NOT ENROLLED IN ANY OTHER MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM
 - DEMONSTRATE NEED FOR ONE OR MORE SERVICES ON A MONTHLY BASIS
- SOME CAUSES OF DEAFBLINDNESS ARE USHER SYNDROME, CHARGE SYNDROME, CONGENITAL RUBELLA SYNDROME, PRETERM BIRTH OR BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, CORNELIA DE LANGE SYNDROME, AND STICKLER SYNDROME. THE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSIS MAY BE DUE TO A CONDITION SUCH AS CEREBRAL PALSY, MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, SPINA BIFIDA, EPILEPSY, HEAD INJURIES OR ANY OF THE APPROVED DIAGNOSES FOR RELATED CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY FOR DEAF BLIND AND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES WAIVER

- INDIVIDUALS MUST ALSO EXHIBIT SUBSTANTIAL FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES: • LEARNING • MOBILITY • SELF-CARE • LANGUAGE • SELF-DIRECTION (AGE 10 AND OVER) • INDEPENDENT LIVING (AGE 10 AND OVER) INDIVIDUALS MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR OR BE RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) OR MEDICAID. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR BY THE TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (HHSC) USING SSI-RELATED CRITERIA.

SERVICES PROVIDED TO DBMD

- • ADAPTIVE AIDS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES • ASSISTED LIVING (LICENSED UP TO SIX BEDS) • AUDIOLOGY
- BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES • CASE MANAGEMENT • CHORE SERVICES • DENTAL SERVICES AND SEDATION • DIETARY SERVICES • EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE • INTERVENER • MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS • NURSING SERVICES • OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY • ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY • PHYSICAL THERAPY • COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE (CFC) PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES/HABILITATION (PAS/HAB) • TRANSPORTATION-RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION • RESPITE CARE (IN-HOME AND OUT-OF-HOME) • SPEECH, HEARING AND LANGUAGE THERAPY • SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT • TRANSITION ASSISTANCE SERVICE

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCS)

- **WHAT IS HCS?** HCS IS A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM THAT SUPPLIES SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO TEXANS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (ID) OR A RELATED CONDITION SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. HCS SERVICES ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT RATHER THAN REPLACE SERVICES RECEIVED FROM OTHER PROGRAMS, SUCH AS TEXAS HEALTH STEPS, OR FROM NATURAL SUPPORTS, INCLUDING FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

ELIGIBILITY TO HSC WAIVER PROGRAM

- WHO CAN GET HCS? HCS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ANY TEXAS RESIDENT NOT LIVING IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING WHO:
 - 1. HAS AN IQ OF 69 OR BELOW OR HAS AN APPROVED RELATED CONDITION WITH AN IQ OF 75 OR BELOW.
 - 2. HAS MILD TO SEVERE DEFICITS IN ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR.
 - 3. IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID BENEFITS.
 - 4. IS NOT ENROLLED IN ANY OTHER MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE HSC WAIVER PROGRAM

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- GROUP HOME
 - HOST HOME/ COMPANION CARE
 - RESPITE SERVICES ● DAY HABILITATION ● EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
 - NURSING SERVICES ● DENTAL SERVICES ● BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT ● SUPPORTED HOME LIVING (TRANSPORTATION)
 - SOCIAL WORK ● OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ● PHYSICAL THERAPY ● SPEECH THERAPY ● DIETARY SERVICES ● AUDIOLOGY SERVICES
 - COGNITIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES (SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURY) ● ACCESSIBLE MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS
 - ADAPTIVE AIDS ● TRANSITION ASSISTANCE SERVICES
- THE HCS PROVIDER CAN ALSO PROVIDE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, HABILITATION OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE (CFC) PROGRAM TO INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN THEIR OWN HOME OR FAMILY HOME. INDIVIDUALS CAN ALSO RECEIVE UNLIMITED PRESCRIPTIONS THROUGH THE MEDICAID VENDOR DRUG PROGRAM.

STAR+PLUS HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER

PROVIDES SERVICES FOR ADULTS 21 YEARS AND OLDER WHO ARE MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR NURSING HOME CARE BUT WHO WANT TO LIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

THIS PROGRAM IS SOMETIMES CALLED STAR+PLUS WAIVER

SERVICES PROVIDED TO STAR+PLUS (HCBS)

- PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES
- RESPITE CARE
- HOME NURSING SERVICES
- HOME-DELIVERED MEALS
- MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS
- ADAPTATIVE AIDS; MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
- ADULT FOSTER CARE; ASSISTED LIVING
- COGNITIVE REHABILITATION; OCCUPATIONAL; PHYSICAL; SPEECH THERAPY
- CALL 877-782-6440 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TEXAS HOME LIVING (TXHML) WAIVER

- PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM MUST LIVE IN THEIR FAMILY HOME OR THEIR OWN HOME
- PARENTS INCOME IS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING A CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY, AS WELL AS THE CHILD'S INCOME.
- THE FAMILY MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR TEXAS MEDICAID FOR THE CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WAIVER PROGRAM.
- TXHML SERVICES ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT RATHER THAN REPLACE SERVICES RECEIVED FROM OTHER PROGRAMS, SUCH AS TEXAS HEALTH STEPS, OR FROM NATURAL SUPPORTS, INCLUDING FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

ELIGIBILITY FOR TXHML WAIVER PROGRAM

- ● HAS AN IQ OF 69 OR BELOW OR HAS AN APPROVED RELATED CONDITION WITH AN IQ OF 75 OR BELOW.
- ● HAS MILD TO SEVERE DEFICITS IN ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR.
- ● IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID BENEFITS.
- ● IS NOT ENROLLED IN ANY OTHER MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.

WHAT SERVICES TXHML PROVIDE

- • DAY HABILITATION • RESPITE SERVICES • EMPLOYMENT SERVICES • NURSING SERVICES • DENTAL SERVICES • BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT • COMMUNITY SUPPORT (TRANSPORTATION) • OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY • PHYSICAL THERAPY • SPEECH THERAPY • AUDIOLOGY SERVICES • DIETARY SERVICES • MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS • ADAPTIVE AID
- THE TXHML PROVIDER CAN ALSO PROVIDE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, HABILITATION OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE (CFC) PROGRAM. INDIVIDUALS CAN ALSO RECEIVE UNLIMITED PRESCRIPTIONS THROUGH THE MEDICAID VENDOR DRUG PROGRAM

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICE WAIVER

- THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES WAIVER IS A 1915(C) MEDICAID PROGRAM THAT HELPS CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SERIOUS MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES. THE YES WAIVER PROVIDES INTENSIVE SERVICES DELIVERED WITHIN A STRENGTHS-BASED TEAM PLANNING PROCESS CALLED WRAPAROUND. WRAPAROUND BUILDS ON FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND UTILIZES YES SERVICES TO HELP BUILD YOUR FAMILY'S NATURAL SUPPORT NETWORK AND CONNECTION WITH YOUR COMMUNITY. YES SERVICES ARE FAMILY-CENTERED, COORDINATED AND EFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND PROMOTING LIFELONG INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DEFINED SUCCESS.
THE PROGRAM AIMS TO:
 - REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME CHILDREN ARE OUT OF THEIR HOME AND COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF A MENTAL HEALTH NEED.
 - EXPAND AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.
 - IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

YES WAIVER PROGRAM

- A WRAPAROUND FACILITATOR WILL MEET WITH YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILY WEEKLY TO WORK ON CREATING A WRAPAROUND PLAN. THE WRAPAROUND PLAN IS ALSO DEVELOPED WITH HELP FROM YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM, WHICH MEETS ONCE A MONTH. THE TEAM INCLUDES YOU, YOUR CHILD AND PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE. THIS MAY BE PROFESSIONALS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, COACHES OR TEACHERS WHO WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD MEET THEIR GOALS. TOGETHER, THE TEAM DEVELOPS A PLAN OF CARE TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS AND GOALS OF YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY USING YES SERVICES, COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND FAMILY STRENGTHS.

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SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE YES WAIVER PROGRAM

- NONTRADITIONAL SERVICES THAT PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE AND CREATIVE FORMS OF THERAPY TO HELP IMPROVE THE YOUTH'S HEALTH, WELFARE AND FUNCTIONING IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDES:
 - ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY.
 - ART THERAPY.
 - MUSIC THERAPY.
 - RECREATIONAL THERAPY.
 - NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING.

ELIGIBILITY FOR YES WAIVER PROGRAM

- BE 3 THROUGH 18 YEARS OLD.
- HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES.
- HAVE A QUALIFYING MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS.
- BE AT RISK OF BEING PLACED OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOME DUE TO THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.
- MEET THE CRITERIA TO BE IN A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.
- BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID — PARENT'S INCOME DOES NOT APPLY.
- CURRENTLY LIVE IN A HOME SETTING WITH A LEGAL GUARDIAN OR ON THEIR OWN IF THEY ARE LEGALLY EMANCIPATED.
- THIS PROGRAM IS ONLY FOR 11-18 MONTHS THE CHILD DETERMINES THE LENGTH.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- WAIVER PHONE NUMBER: 877-782-6440