

The State of Indiana is always striving to improve home and community based services, commonly called Medicaid Waivers, for individuals with disabilities and their families. Since this guide was published, the state has made changes to waivers through the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS). These changes include:

Application Process

BDDS has created an online application portal called the BDDS Gateway. This allows individuals to apply for services at a time that is convenient for them. Individuals can apply for BDDS services at bddsgateway.fssa.in.gov. Although BDDS has a goal to contact applicants within 15 days after an application is submitted, current staffing is resulting in delays. If someone has applied for services and has not heard from the BDDS office within 15 days, contact the BDDS office directly to ensure they received the application and ask when the process will move forward.

Priority Status

Individuals applying for a Family Supports Waiver will generally go on a statewide waiting list for services. However, there are two groups who can request priority status to begin receiving services sooner.

- Individuals between 18 and 24 years of age who have exited high school can request priority status. They will need to provide a copy of their high school diploma, High School Equivalency (HSE), Certificate of Completion, or Certificate of Attendance.
- The children of active duty service members of veterans can also request priority status regardless of age. Individuals will need to provide a copy of the service members DD-214 form.

Income and Family Supports Waiver Budget

The maximum SSI benefit for a single, non-blind individual for 2023 is \$914, making Medicaid Waiver financial eligibility for the Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH), Family Supports and Aged and Disabled Waivers \$2,742 and \$1,371 for the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver.

The current annual cap for the Family Supports Waiver is \$19,614.

Waiver Redesign

BDDS is committed to ensuring Medicaid Waivers assist individuals in achieving their vision of a good life. In an effort to modernize and improve services, BDDS has engaged families and people with disabilities in a project to redesign Medicaid Waivers. To learn about the waiver redesign project and status, visit in.gov/fssa/ddrs/bdds-waiver-redesign.

Updated Links

Check waiting list status or update contact information in the Waitlist portal:

going to the Waitlist portal: ddrsprovider.fssa.in.gov/BDDS/ConsumerInfo/InfoSearch.aspx

Bureau of Developmental Disability Services: in.gov/fssa/ddrs/developmental-disability-services

Vocational Rehabilitation Services: in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/vocational-rehabilitation-employment

Division of Aging and Aged and Disabled Waiver: in.gov/fssa/da

CHOICE, state funded home care services: in.gov/fssa/da/community-and-home-options-to-institutional-care-for-the-elderly-and-disabled

Independent Living Centers: in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/independent-living-services-program-centers-and-statewide-council

Long Term Care Ombudsman for long term care facilities including nursing facilities, rehabilitation centers, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IIDs) including group homes: in.gov/ombudsman/long-term-care-ombudsman/overview

Children's Special Health Care Services: in.gov/health/cshcs

WIC: in.gov/health/wic

First Steps / Early Intervention Services: in.gov/fssa/firststeps

Indiana Department of Education: in.gov/doe

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