

Applying for a SC Medicaid Waiver: A Guide for Parents

What's a Medicaid Waiver?

South Carolina offers **seven Medicaid waivers** for specific populations, including children and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs, to receive specialized services beyond general Medicaid coverage.

To begin receiving waiver services,
an individual must already be enrolled in Medicaid.

Most waivers have a waiting list, and the length of the list varies by waiver. *The earlier a person applies for a waiver, the better the chance of receiving services.*

Individuals do not have to meet waiver eligibility criteria to apply. They do, however, must meet all waiver eligibility criteria to begin receiving waiver services.

Individuals can be on a waitlist for multiple waivers but only enrolled or receive services under one waiver at a time.

For more information and/or to apply for Medicaid, scan the QR code.



Eligibility varies by:

- waiver
- age
- diagnosis
- level of care



Waivers and services are different from state to state and do not transfer.

Who Do I Contact About Applying for a Waiver?

SC Department of Health and Human Services operates the following four waivers:

1. Community Choices Waiver
2. Medically Complex Children's Waiver
3. HIV/AIDS Waiver
4. Mechanical Ventilator Waiver



Parents can apply for these waivers through SC DHHS's online system or **call 1-888-971-1637.**



They can also talk to their child's medical provider about making a referral.



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SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD-OIDD) operates the following three waivers:

1. Community Supports Waiver
2. Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities Waiver
3. Head & Spinal Cord Injury Waiver

Parents can self-refer through the regional office where the family resides, *scan the QR code*.



Parents can call to request eligibility intake: 1-800-289-7012.



I've Applied...Now What?

- *If you are unsure if you are on a waiting list*, contact your child's BHDD-OIDD Case Manager (if they have been assigned one) or call 1-800-289-7012 to verify your placement on the list and/or ensure you are added.
- *If you need respite support*, the SC Respite Voucher Program provides \$500 for caregiver relief. For eligibility and application details, contact the SC Respite Coalition. *Visit their website by scanning the QR code* or call (803) 935-5027.
- *If you would like Children's Personal Care Aide services (CPCA) and have Medicaid*, you can request hours through Community Long Term Care by contacting DHHS Central Intake at 1-888-971-1637. *Parents can also self refer for services, scan the QR code to get started.*



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