

Medicaid (Home and Community-Based) Waivers

➤ What are Medicaid Waivers?

Waivers provide funding for children with disabilities to receive support and services in the home and community rather than in an institutional setting. Indiana has two types of Waiver Programs. One type, for children and adults whose needs are primarily medical in nature, is called the Nursing Facility Level of Care Waiver and includes two Waivers - the Aged and Disabled Waiver (A&D) and the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBI). The other type, for children and adults with developmental disabilities, is the Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) Level of Care Waiver. There are three Indiana Medicaid Waivers requiring ICF/MR Level of Care - the Autism Waiver, the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver, and the Support Services (SS) Waiver.

F2F Tip: Many different names and terms are used when talking about waivers. Keep a record of what you apply for and whom you speak to about the process.

➤ How is eligibility determined?

To be eligible for the A&D or TBI waiver a child must need nursing facility level of care. To be eligible for the Autism waiver a child must have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and a need for ICF/MR level of care. Children who have a developmental disability and a need for ICF/MR level of care are eligible for the DD waiver. Any child who is eligible for the Autism or DD waiver is eligible for the SS waiver. Family income and assets are NOT considered when determining eligibility for a child under the age of eighteen.

F2F Tip: If you think your child may be eligible and you are turned away or not supported in the process of applying, ask to speak to a supervisor to seek clarification on eligibility.

➤ How do I apply for a Waiver?

If your child qualifies for the Nursing Facility Level of Care waiver you can apply by calling the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for an application. If your child has a developmental disability (DD) and/or a diagnosis of Autism you may apply for Waiver services by calling the local Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) District Office and requesting an Application for Long-Term Care Services. See the state maps (on the back) to identify your local offices.

F2F Tip: Many children are eligible for more than one type of waiver. Apply for all waivers for which your child is eligible.

➤ How long is the waiting list?

The Nursing Level of Care waivers currently have a waiting list that is less than a year. The ICF/MR waiting lists are several years long.

F2F Tip: Waiting lists change often. If your child is in need of a waiver apply as soon as possible and inquire what date of application is currently being served.

➤ Why should I apply now?

It is helpful for families with children who are likely to be impacted by their disabilities for a lifetime to apply as soon as possible for waivers. For some families with children who have a Nursing Level of Care, waiver services can be helpful and received relatively quickly. For families with children who have an ICF/MR level of care, applying now provides a greater likelihood that supports will be available as your child gets older. Applications can also help the state government and service systems plan for and be ready to meet needs in years to come.

F2F Tip: If your child qualifies for an A&D waiver, consider applying for and being on the ICF/MR waiting list.

➤ What do I need to do to stay on the waiting list?

You will need to update the BDDS and/or AAA office whenever your contact information, including phone or address, changes.

F2F Tip: Systems and programs change frequently. Be on the alert for information about changes to the waiver program. The F2F listserve is one place many parents keep up to date.

➤ **What is available while I am waiting?**

Families waiting for an ICF/MR level of care waiver are eligible to receive a small amount of Care Giver Support Services (i.e. Respite) each year. Your local BDDS office can provide information and a listing of providers for this service. Contact them directly to find out how to access Care Giver Support funding while waiting to be targeted for a waiver slot. If you should have an **EMERGENCY** (serious illness or incapacitation of a primary care giver) while your loved one is waiting for an ICF/MR waiver you may be able to receive **Emergency Support Services**. This is not a waiver but rather an individualized package of supports created to address the needs of an individual when a primary caregiver is not able and no other supports exist. If you are in need of this type of assistance contact your local BDDS office and ask about **Emergency Support Services**. You may need to speak to a supervisor about this.

F2F Tip: There are other state programs that may be of help while you are waiting for waiver services. It is advisable to check to see if there are other programs for which you might be eligible.

Where to Apply

A&D and TBI

DD, Autism and SS

Area Agency on Aging Offices

Contact your local Area Agency on Aging toll free at 800-986-3505

AREA 1
NW IN Community Action Corp. Inc.
5516 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, IN 46320
219-937-9500
800-986-7871
FAX: 219-932-0590

AREA 2
REAL Services, Inc.
1151 S. Michigan St.,
P.O. Box 1835
South Bend, IN 46634-1835
574-233-8205
800-852-2916
FAX: 574-284-2642

AREA 3
Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana
2927 Lake Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-5414
260-745-1200
800-852-3562
FAX: 260-456-1066

AREA 4
Agency on Aging & Community Action Programs
660 Norm 36th St.
P.O. Box 4727
Lafayette, IN 47903-4727
765-447-7883
800-362-7595
TDD: 765-447-3207
FAX: 765-447-5682

AREA 5
Agency on Aging & Community Services, Inc.
1801 Smith Street
Suite 300
Logansport, IN 46947-1577
574-722-4451
800-964-9421
FAX: 574-722-3447

AREA 6
LifeStream Services, Inc.
1701 Pighton Drive
P.O. Box 308
Yorktown, IN 47396-0308
765-759-1121
800-989-1121
TDD: 800-589-1121
FAX: 765-759-0060



AREA 11
Aging & Community Services of South-Central Indiana, Inc.
1531 13th Street Suite G-900
Columbus, IN 47201-1302
812-372-8919
866-544-6407
FAX: 812-372-7846

AREA 12
LifeTime Resources, Inc.
13091 Benedict Drive
Ellettsville, IN 47016
812-432-8215
800-742-8001
FAX: 812-432-3922

AREA 13
Generations
P.O. Box 314
Vincennes, IN 47591
812-885-8880
800-742-9212
TDD: 812-888-5762
FAX: 812-888-4566

AREA 14
Lifespan Resources, Inc.
426 Bank Street, # 100,
P.O. Box 995
New Albany, IN 47151-0995
812-948-8330
888-848-9330
FAX: 812-948-0147

AREA 15
Hoosier Uplands Agency on Aging and Disability Services
821 West Main Street
Mitchell, IN 47446
812-849-4457
800-333-2451
TDD: 800-473-3333
FAX: 812-849-4467

AREA 15
Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging, Inc.
16 West Virginia St
P.O. Box 3938
Evansville, IN 47737-3938
812-464-7830
800-253-2188
FAX: 812-464-7811

AREA 7
West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc.
1718 Washburn Ave., P.O. Box 359
Terre Haute, IN 47806-0359
812-238-1561 or 800-489-1561
TDD: 800-489-1561
FAX: 812-238-1564

AREA 8
CICOD, Aging & In-Home Services
4755 Kingsway Dr., Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1560
317-254-5485 or 800-489-9550
TDD: 317-254-5497
FAX: 317-254-5494

AREA 9
In-Home & Community Services Agency
630 South 9th St.
Richmond, IN 47374-6230
765-866-1795 or 800-459-9345
FAX: 765-962-1190

AREA 10
Agency on Aging
630 West Edgewood Drive
Ellettsville, IN 47429
812-876-3383 or 800-844-1010
FAX: 812-876-9922

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Offices

Central Office
Indianapolis
P O Box 7083
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083
317-232-7842
900-646-7763
FAX: 317-234-2099

District 1
Merrillville
5800 Broadway, Suite P
Merrillville, IN 46410
219-897-0503
877-218-3053
FAX: 219-985-8652

District 2
South Bend
224 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 200
South Bend, IN 46801
574-232-1412
877-218-3059
FAX: 574-287-5482

District 3
Fort Wayne
219 W. Wayne Street,
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-423-2571
877-218-3091
FAX: 260-424-2830

District 4
Greencastle
1007 Mill Pond Lane, Suite A
Greencastle, IN 46136
765-653-2468
877-218-3096
FAX: 765-653-7152

District 5
Indianapolis
4701 N. Keystone, Suite 427
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1541
317-254-2065
877-218-3630
FAX: 317-254-2076

District 6
Muncie
1200 S. Tillotson Overpass, Suite 4
Muncie, IN 47304
765-288-8516
877-218-3631
FAX: 765-288-8529



District 7
Evansville
700 E. Walnut Street
Evansville, IN 47713
812-423-6449
877-218-3528
FAX: 812-429-4146

District 8
Clarksville
P. O. Box 2517
1452 Vaxter Avenue
Clarksville, IN 47131-2517
812-283-1040
877-218-3529
FAX: 812-285-9533

District 8
Seymour
200 E. Third Street
P. O. Box 630
Seymour, IN 47274-0630
812-622-6859
877-218-3532
FAX: 812-523-1180

Where to get more Information:

The Consumer Guide to Indiana Medicaid Waiver Home and Community Based Waiver Services Programs is online at www.in.gov/gpcpd. Or, contact the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities for a print copy 317-232-7770 or bwade@gpcpd.org. The Arc of Indiana, www.arcind.org, provides information on legislative and administrative efforts related to the waivers.



For more information or to talk with other First Steps parents, call 1-800-396-7188 or email family2family@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit Family to Family online at www.inf2f.org.