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Home and Community-Based 1915(c) Waivers and co-occurring Managed Care 1915(b) waivers for Respite Support

Medicaid is a program in every state that pays for medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and resources. It is the largest source of funding for medical and health-related services for America's poorest people. Because Medicaid is funded jointly by the federal and state governments, the services paid for vary from state to state. In addition to medical services, Medicaid will pay for home and community-based services (HCBS) through the state plan as well as through Medicaid waivers that offer services as a lower-cost alternative to treatment in a medical or long-term care facility, such as a nursing home. Respite is usually paid for through one or more of the following types of waivers: research and demonstration (1115), managed care (1915b) and HCBS (1915c) waiver programs. This state's Medicaid waivers that include respite are:

Minnesota uses both 1115 demonstrations and 1915(c) waiver programs to provide respite. The 1115 demonstration, called Minnesota Reform 2020, provides home and community based services (including respite) alongside the existing 1915(c) waivers.

[MN Reform 2020](#)

This waiver demonstration provides services through two main programs: the Alternative Care program and the Community First Services and Supports program. The Alternative Care program provides an array of home and community-based services based on assessed need and amounts determined in a plan for each beneficiary. The services covered by Alternative Care are the same as the services covered under the federally approved Elderly Waiver with a few exceptions. The Alternative Care program services are provided fee for-service and are administered by counties and tribal health agencies, and services are provided by qualified providers who are enrolled as Medicaid providers.

[MN Elderly Waiver](#)

Provides adult day services, case management, homemaker, respite, extended home care nursing, extended state plan home health care services, extended state plan personal care assistant (PCA), adult companion services, adult day service bath, adult foster care, chore services, CDCS: environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: treatment and training, customized living services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family caregiver services, home delivered meals, individual community living supports, managed care premiums, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation for individuals ages 65 and older.

[MN Brain Injury \(BI\) Waiver](#)

Provides adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, homemaker, prevocational services, respite, supported employment, extended home care nursing services, extended home health care services, extended personal care assistance services, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, adult day service bath, adult foster care, child foster care, chore services, consumer directed community supports (CDCS): self-direction support activities, CDCS: environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite, customized living, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home-delivered meals, housing access coordination, in-home family supports, independent living skills (ILS) therapies, ILS training services, individualized home supports, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, residential care services, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, structured day program, transitional services, and transportation for individuals 0-64 diagnosed with brain injury.

MN Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver

Provides adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, homemaker, respite, supported employment, extended home care nursing, extended home health care, extended personal care assistance, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, adult foster care, child foster care, chore services, CDCS: environmental modifications & provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite services, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home delivered meals, housing access coordination, in-home family supports, independent living skills (ILS) training, individualized home supports, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation for individuals 0 – 64 years old with other disabilities.

MN Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) Waiver

Provides adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, homemaker, prevocational services, respite, supported employment, extended home health care services, extended personal care assistance services, extended state plan home care nursing, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, adult day service bath, adult foster care, child foster care, chore services, consumer-directed community supports (CDCS): personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite, customized living, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home delivered meals, housing access coordination, in-home family supports, independent living skills training services, individualized home supports, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, residential care, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation for individuals ages 0 – 64 years old diagnosed with physical and other disabilities.

MN Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver

Provides adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, day training and habilitation, homemaker, prevocational services, respite, supported employment, extended personal care assistance services, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult day service bath, assistive technology, chore, consumer directed community supports (CDCS): environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home delivered meals, housing access coordination, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, residential habilitation, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation for individuals of any age diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

MN Reform 2020

State Operating Agency: Department of Human Services

Description	This waiver demonstration provides services through two main programs: the Alternative Care program and the Community First Services and Supports program. The Alternative Care program provides an array of home and community-based services based on assessed need and amounts determined in a plan for each beneficiary. The services covered by Alternative Care are the same as the services covered under the federally approved Elderly Waiver with a few exceptions. The AC program services are provided fee for-service and are administered by counties and tribal health agencies, and services are provided by qualified providers who are enrolled as Medicaid providers.
Waiver Type	1115
Target Population-Eligibility	Individuals 65 and older who have income and/or assets exceeding the state plan standards for aged, blind, and disabled categorical eligibility for any groups covered in the state plan.
Level of Care	Individuals require the level of care available in a nursing facility (NF).
Respite Services	<p>Respite care is provided under the Alternative Care program as part of its package of home and community-provider based services. The service definitions and standards for respite care under the Alternative Care program are the same as the service definitions and standards for respite specified in the federally approved Elderly Waiver plan.</p> <p>Respite care may be provided to participants who are unable to care for themselves. It is furnished on a short-term basis due to the absence or need for relief of those who normally provide the care and are not paid or is only paid for a portion of the total time of care or supervision provided, and it may be provided both in-home and out of home.</p> <p>Respite may be provided in the participant's home or place of residence, a home licensed to provide foster care, a community residential setting, a Medicare certified hospital or nursing facility, a building registered as housing with services delivered by a licensed home care provider, unlicensed settings where agencies or individual providers must be licensed under Minnesota Statutes, or a private home that is identified by the participant. It may be provided in a private (unlicensed) home when it is determined by the case manager that the service and setting can safely meet the participant's needs. The unlicensed home and caregiver cannot otherwise be in the business or routine practice of providing respite services.</p> <p>In the event of a community emergency or disaster that required an emergency need to relocate a participant, out-of-home respite services may be provided whether or not the primary caregiver resides at the same address as the participant, and whether the primary caregiver is paid or unpaid, provided the commissioner approves the request as a necessary expenditure related to the emergency or disaster. This does not allow the primary caregiver to provide respite services. Other limitations on this service may be waived by the commissioner, as necessary; in order to ensure that necessary expenditures related to protecting the health and safety of participants are reimbursed. In the event of an emergency involving the relocation of waiver participants, the Commissioner may approve the provision of respite services by unlicensed providers on a short-term, temporary basis.</p> <p>Respite care is limited to 30 consecutive days per respite stay. Participants who live in settings that are responsible to provide customized living, 24-hour care, supervision, residential care or shift staff foster care or supports are not eligible for this service with the exception of community emergencies or disasters requiring relocation of waiver participants. Respite is provider managed.</p>
Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/
Caregiver Eligibility	Caregiver eligibility is not available.
Enrollment Limit	Enrollment limit is not available.

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How to Apply	To apply, you can contact the Long-Term Care Consultation contact in your county at https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/services/home-community/contact-us/ltcc-contacts.jsp Or call the Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433
Contact Information	More information is available by calling the Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433.
Link to Waiver Application	https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/mn/mn-reform-2020-ca.pdf
Expiration Date	09/30/2019, currently operating under extension while CMS is reviewing the renewal application.
Date of Last Update	09/10/2019

MN Elderly Waiver (0025.R08.02)

State Operating Agency: Aging and Adult Services Division, Continuing Care Administration

Description

The waiver provides community-based services in the most integrated and least restrictive setting to keep support and maintain older adults in their own homes and communities and delay nursing facility admission. This is accomplished through comprehensive support planning that encourages the use of person-centered planning methods. Participants’ needs are assessed, and an individualized support plan is developed. The waiver also includes an option for self-direction through the consumer-directed community supports (CDCS) services. Waiver services are provided through two managed care options: MSHO and MSC+. Medical Assistance recipients age 65 and over are required to receive their Medical Assistance benefits through MCOs, with two exceptions: recipients who are required to pay a medical spenddown; and, certain people served by American Indian tribes.

The waiver provides adult day services, case management, homemaker, respite, extended home care nursing, extended state plan home health care services, extended state plan personal care assistant (PCA), adult companion services, adult day service bath, adult foster care, chore services, CDCS: environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: treatment and training, customized living services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family caregiver services, home delivered meals, individual community living supports, managed care premiums, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation .

Waiver Type

1915(c); concurrently operated with 1915(a) voluntary managed care, 1915(b)(1) and 1915(b)(4) mandatory managed care authority

Target Population- Eligibility

Individuals ages 65 and older.

Level of Care

Individuals require level of care available in a nursing facility (NF).

Respite Services

Respite care may be provided to participants who are unable to care for themselves. It is furnished on a short-term basis due to the absence or need for relief of those who normally provide the care and are not paid or is only paid for a portion of the total time of care or supervision provided. The unpaid caregiver does not need to reside in the same home as the participant.

Respite may be provided in: the participant’s home or place of residence, a home licensed to provide foster care, a community residential setting, a Medicare certified hospital or nursing facility, a building registered as housing with services delivered by a licensed home care provider, unlicensed settings where agencies or individual providers must be licensed under Minnesota Statutes, or a private home that is identified by the participant. Respite care may be provided in a private (unlicensed) home when it is determined by the case manager that the service and setting can safely meet the participant’s needs. The unlicensed home and caregiver cannot otherwise be in the business or routine practice of providing respite services.

In the event of a community emergency or disaster that required an emergency need to relocate a participant, out-of-home respite services may be provided whether or not the primary caregiver resides at the same address as the participant, and whether the primary caregiver is paid or unpaid, provided the commissioner approves the request as a necessary expenditure related to the emergency or disaster. This does not allow the primary caregiver to provide respite services. Other limitations on this service may be waived by the commissioner, as necessary; in order to ensure that necessary expenditures related to protecting the health and safety of participants are reimbursed. In the event of an emergency involving the relocation of waiver participants, the Commissioner may approve the provision of respite services by unlicensed providers on a short-term, temporary basis.

Respite care is limited to 30 consecutive days per respite stay. Participants who live in settings that are responsible to provide customized living, 24-hour care, supervision, residential care or shift staff foster care or supports are not eligible for this service with the exception of community emergencies or disasters requiring relocation of waiver participants. Respite is provider managed.

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Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite may not be provided by a relative, legal guardian or legally responsible person.
Enrollment Limit	43470: Year ending 06/30/2023
How to Apply	Contact the Long-term Care Consultation contact in your county (list of county and tribal health offices at https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/services/home-community/contact-us/ltcc-contacts.jsp) Or call Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433.
Contact Information	More information is available by calling the Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433.
Link to Waiver Application	Link to application unavailable.
Expiration Date	06/30/2023
Date of Last Update	07/19/2019

MN Brain Injury Waiver (4169.R05.05)

State Operating Agency: Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division

Description	<p>This waiver program provides supports and services that enable people to exercise their right of self-determination, to live in the most integrated settings and to be able to freely participate in their communities will be appropriate to their needs and of their choosing. This is accomplished through comprehensive community support planning using a person-centered approach. The waiver also includes an option for self-direction through the consumer directed community supports (CDCS) services.</p> <p>Waiver services include adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, homemaker, prevocational services, respite, supported employment, extended home care nursing services, extended home health care services, extended personal care assistance services, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, adult day service bath, adult foster care, child foster care, chore services, consumer directed community supports (CDCS): self-direction support activities, CDCS: environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite, customized living, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home-delivered meals, housing access coordination, in-home family supports, independent living skills (ILS) therapies, ILS training services, individualized home supports, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, residential care services, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, structured day program, transitional services, and transportation.</p>
Waiver Type	1915(c) waiver operates concurrently with 1915(b) waiver for case management services
Target Population-Eligibility	Individuals ages 0 – 64 with a diagnosis of traumatic, acquired or degenerative brain injury secondary to an event or disease; must be diagnosed as disabled.
Level of Care	Individuals require level of care available in a Neurobehavioral hospital or Specialized Nursing Facility (SNF).
Respite Services	<p>Respite care services are short-term services provided to a participant due to the absence or need for relief of the family member(s) or primary caregiver, normally providing the care. In order to be considered a primary caregiver, the person must be principally responsible for the care and supervision of the participant, must maintain his/her primary residence at the same address as the participant, and must be named as the owner or lessee of the primary residence. Respite may be provided in the following settings: participant’s home or place of residence; foster care home or community residential setting; Medicaid certified hospital; Medicaid certified nursing facility; or other unlicensed settings where agency and individual providers must be licensed under Minnesota Statutes.</p> <p>In the event of a community emergency or disaster that required an emergency need to relocate a participant, out-of-home respite services may be provided whether or not the primary caregiver resides at the same address as the participant, and whether the primary caregiver is paid or unpaid, provided the commissioner approves the request as a necessary expenditure related to the emergency or disaster. Other limitations on this service may be waived by the commissioner, as necessary, in order to ensure that necessary expenditures related to protecting the health and safety of participants are reimbursed. In the event of an emergency involving the relocation of waiver participants, the Commissioner may approve the provision of respite services by unlicensed providers on a short-term, temporary basis.</p> <p>Respite care is limited to 30 consecutive days per respite stay. Respite care is not available to participants living in settings where Customized Living, Residential Care, or shift staff foster care are provided, with the exception of community emergencies or disasters.</p> <p>Respite services are provider managed.</p>

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Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite may not be provided by a relative, legal guardian or legally responsible person.
Enrollment Limit	1600: Year ending 03/31/2021
How to Apply	You can apply for this waiver at your local county agency or tribe https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-0005-ENG (PDF).
Contact Information	Contact your local county agency or tribe or call the DSD Response Center at Phone: 651-431-4300 or Toll free: 866-267-7655. For more information view the Brain Injury Waiver fact sheet: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5714-ENG
Link to Waiver Application	Link to application not available.
Expiration Date	03/31/2021
Date of Last Update	07/19/2019

MN Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver (4128.R07.01)

State Operating Agency: Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division

Description	<p>This waiver provides community-based services and supports that enable people to exercise their right of self-determination, to live in the most integrated settings and to be able to freely participate in their communities that are appropriate to their needs and of their choosing. This is accomplished through comprehensive community support planning using a person-centered approach. The waiver also includes an option for self-direction through the consumer directed community supports (CDCS) service.</p> <p>Waiver services include: adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, homemaker, respite, supported employment, extended home care nursing, extended home health care, extended personal care assistance, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, adult foster care, child foster care, chore services, CDCS: environmental modifications & provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite services, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home delivered meals, housing access coordination, in-home family supports, independent living skills (ILS) training, individualized home supports, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation.</p>
Waiver Type	1915(c) waiver operates concurrently with 1915(b) waiver for case management services
Target Population-Eligibility	Individuals ages 0 – 64 who are diagnosed with other disabilities. Participants may stay on the waiver after turning 65.
Level of Care	Individuals require level of care available in a hospital.
Respite Services	<p>Respite care services are short-term services provided to a participant due to the absence or need for relief of the family member(s) or primary caregiver(s) who normally provide care. Respite may be provided in: the individual’s home or place of residence, foster care home or community residential setting, Residential hospice facilities, Medicaid certified hospital, Medicaid certified nursing facility, or other unlicensed settings where agency and individual providers must be licensed under Minnesota Statutes.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency or disaster that required an emergency need to relocate a participant, out-of-home respite services may be provided whether or not the primary caregiver resides at the same address as the participant, and whether the primary caregiver is paid or unpaid, provided the commissioner approves the request as a necessary expenditure related to the emergency or disaster. This does not allow the primary caregiver to provide respite services. Other limitations on this service may be waived by the commissioner, as necessary; in order to ensure that necessary expenditures related to protecting the health and safety of participants are reimbursed. In the event of an emergency involving the relocation of waiver participants, the Commissioner may approve the provision of respite services by unlicensed providers on a short-term, temporary basis.</p> <p>Respite care is not available to participants living in settings where shift staff foster care is provided, with the exception of community emergencies or disasters. Respite care is limited to 30 consecutive days per respite occurrence when provided 24 hours a day. Respite is provider managed.</p>
Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite may not be provided by a relative, legal guardian, or legally responsible person.
Enrollment Limit	991: Year ending 03/31/2023

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How to Apply	You can apply for this waiver at your local county agency or tribe: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-0005-ENG (PDF).
Contact Information	Contact your local county agency or tribe or call the DSD Response Center at Phone: 651-431-4300 or Toll free: 866-267-7655. For more information view the CAC Waiver fact sheet: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5711-ENG
Link to Waiver Application	Link to application not available.
Expiration Date	03/31/2023
Date of Last Update	07/19/2019

MN Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) Waiver (0166.R06.03)
State Operating Agency: Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division

Description	<p>This waiver provides community-based services and supports that enable people to exercise their right of self-determination, to live in the most integrated settings and to be able to freely participate in their communities that are appropriate to their needs and of their choosing. This is accomplished through comprehensive community support planning using a person-centered approach. The waiver also includes an option for self-direction through the consumer directed community supports (CDCS) service.</p> <p>Waiver services include: adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, homemaker, prevocational services, respite, supported employment, extended home health care services, extended personal care assistance services, extended state plan home care nursing, 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, adult day service bath, adult foster care, child foster care, chore services, consumer-directed community supports (CDCS): personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite, customized living, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home delivered meals, housing access coordination, in-home family supports, independent living skills training services, individualized home supports, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, residential care, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation.</p>
Waiver Type	1915(c) waiver operates concurrently with 1915(b) waiver for case management services
Target Population-Eligibility	Individuals ages 0 – 64 years old diagnosed with physical and other disabilities. Participants may stay on the waiver after turning 65.
Level of Care	Individuals require level of care available in a nursing facility (NF).
Respite Services	<p>Respite care is short-term services provided to a participant due to the absence or need for relief of the family member(s) or primary caregiver, normally providing the care. In order to be considered a primary caregiver, the person must be principally responsible for the care and supervision of the participant, must maintain his/her primary residence at the same address as the participant, and must be named as the owner or lessee of the primary residence. Respite may be provided in the following settings: participant's home or place of residence; foster care home or community residential setting; residential hospice facilities; Medicaid certified hospital; Medicaid certified nursing facility; and other unlicensed settings where agency and individual providers must be licensed under Minnesota Statutes.</p> <p>In the event of a community emergency or disaster that required an emergency need to relocate a participant, out-of-home respite services may be provided whether or not the primary caregiver resides at the same address as the participant, and whether the primary caregiver is paid or unpaid, provided the commissioner approves the request as a necessary expenditure related to the emergency or disaster. Other limitations on this service may be waived by the commissioner, as necessary, in order to ensure that necessary expenditures related to protecting the health and safety of participants are reimbursed. In the event of an emergency involving the relocation of waiver participants, the Commissioner may approve the provision of respite services by unlicensed providers on a short-term, temporary basis.</p> <p>Respite care is not available to participants living in settings where Customized Living, Residential Care or shift staff Foster Care are provided, with the exception of community emergencies or disasters. Respite care is limited to 30 consecutive days per respite stay. Respite services are provider managed.</p>
Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite may not be provided by a relative, legal guardian or legally responsible person.

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Enrollment Limit	35570: Year ending 09/30/2020
How to Apply	You can apply for this waiver at your local county agency or tribe: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-0005-ENG (PDF).
Contact Information	Contact your local county agency or tribe or call the DSD Response Center at Phone: 651-431-4300 or Toll free: 866-267-7655. For more information view the CADI waiver factsheet: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5712-ENG
Link to Waiver Application	Link to application not available.
Expiration Date	09/30/2020
Date of Last Update	07/22/2019

MN Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver (0061.R07.05)

State Operating Agency: Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division

Description

This waiver provides community-based services and supports that enable people to exercise their right of self-determination, to live in the most integrated settings and to be able to freely participate in their communities that are appropriate to their needs and of their choosing. This is accomplished through comprehensive community support planning using a person-centered approach. The waiver has been instrumental in transitioning people from ICFs/DD to community-based settings. The waiver also includes an option for self-direction through the consumer directed community supports (CDCS) service.

Waiver services include: adult day service, caregiver living expenses, case management, day training and habilitation, homemaker, prevocational services, respite, supported employment, extended personal care assistance services, 24- hour emergency assistance, adult day service bath, assistive technology, chore, consumer directed community supports (CDCS): environmental modifications and provisions, CDCS: personal assistance, CDCS: self-direction support activities, CDCS: treatment and training, crisis respite, employment development services, employment exploration services, employment support services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and counseling, home delivered meals, housing access coordination, night supervision services, personal support services, positive support services, residential habilitation, specialist services, specialized equipment and supplies, transitional services, and transportation.

Waiver Type

1915(c) waiver operates concurrently with 1915(b) waiver for case management services

Target Population- Eligibility

Individuals of any age diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Level of Care

Individuals require level of care available in in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

Respite Services

Respite care services are short-term services provided to a participant due to the absence or need for relief of the family member(s) or primary caregiver, normally providing the care. In order to be considered a primary caregiver, the person must be principally responsible for the care and supervision of the participant, must maintain his/her primary residence at the same address as the participant, and must be named as an owner or lessee of the primary residence. Respite may be provided in the following settings: participant’s home or place of residence; foster care home or community residential setting; residential hospice facilities; Medicaid certified hospitals; or other unlicensed setting where agency and individual providers must be licensed under Minnesota statutes.

In the event of a community emergency or disaster that required an emergency need to relocate a participant, out-of-home respite services may be provided whether or not the primary caregiver resides at the same address as the participant, and whether the primary caregiver is paid or unpaid, provided the commissioner approves the request as a necessary expenditure related to the emergency or disaster. Other limitations on this service may be waived by the commissioner, as necessary; in order to ensure that necessary expenditures related to protecting the health and safety of participants are reimbursed. In the event of an emergency involving the relocation of waiver participants, the Commissioner may approve the provision of respite services by unlicensed providers on a short-term, temporary basis.

Respite care is not available to participants living in settings that are not the primary residence of the license holder, with the exception of community emergencies or disasters. Respite care is limited to 30 consecutive days per respite stay when provided 24 hours a day in a location that is not the participant’s own home. In this instance, “home” means a setting that the participant, or their family, owns or leases. Respite services are provider managed.

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Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite may not be provided by a relative, legal guardian or legally responsible person.
Enrollment Limit	25154: Year ending 06/30/2022
How to Apply	You can apply for this waiver at your local county agency or tribe https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-0005-ENG (PDF).
Contact Information	Contact your local county agency or tribe or call the DSD Response Center at Phone: 651-431-4300 or Toll free: 866-267-7655. For more information view the DD waiver factsheet: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5713-ENG
Link to Waiver Application	Link to application not available.
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