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### **Managed Care 1915(b) and/or Home and Community-Based 1915(c) 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:

#### [WI Self Directed Support Waiver-DD \(0484.R01.00\)](#)

Provides adult day care, daily living skills training, IRIS consultant, live-in caregiver, prevocational, respite, supported employment – individual, nursing, fiscal employer agent, 1 -2 bed adult family home, 3-4 bed adult family home, adaptive aids, assistive technology/communication aids/interpreter, consultative clinical and therapeutic services for caregivers, consumer education and training, counseling and therapeutic services, customized goods and services, day services, home delivered meals, home modification, housing counseling, personal emergency response system, relocation - housing start up and related utility costs, residential care apartment complex, specialized medical equipment and supplies, specialized transportation 2, specialized transportation, support broker, supported employment – group, supportive home care, training services for unpaid caregivers, vocational and futures planning for aged individuals 65 and up, individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities (DD/IID) ages 18 and older, and individuals with physical disabilities ages 18-64.

#### [WI Children's Long-term Support \(CLTS\) Waiver Program \(0414.R03.02\)](#)

Provides consumer education and training, day services, respite, support and service coordination, supported employment – individual, supportive home care, financial management services, adaptive aids, adult family home, child care services, children's foster care, communication aids/assistive technology/interpreter services, community integration services, counseling and therapeutic services, daily living skills training, home modification, housing counseling, mentoring, nursing services, personal emergency response system (PERS), relocation services, specialized medical and therapeutic supplies, supported employment - small group, training for parents/guardians & families of children with disabilities, and transportation for individuals ages 0-21 with physical or other disabilities, serious emotional disturbance (SED), autism, developmental disabilities (DD), or intellectual disabilities (ID).

#### [WI Family Care Waiver Renewal 2015 \(0367.R03.05\)](#)

Provides adult day care, case management, daily living skills training, day habilitation, prevocational, respite, supported employment-individual employment support, consumer directed supports (self-directed supports) broker, financial management services, adaptive aids, adult residential care-1-2 bed adult family homes, adult residential care-3-4 bed adult family homes, adult residential care-community-based residential facilities, adult residential care-residential care apartment complexes, assistive technology/communication aids, consultative clinical and therapeutic services for caregivers, consumer education/training, counseling and therapeutic resources, environmental accessibility adaptations (home modification), home delivered meals, housing counseling, personal emergency response services (PERS), relocation services, self-directed personal care, skilled nursing services RN/LPN, specialized medical equipment and supplies, supported employment-small group employment support, supportive home care, training services for unpaid caregivers, transportation (specialized transportation)-community transportation, transportation (specialized transportation)-other transportation, and vocational futures planning and support for aged individuals ages 65 and older, physically disabled/disabled other ages 18-64, and developmentally and/or intellectually disabled (DD/ID) individuals ages 18 and older.

**WI Self Directed Support Waiver - Intellectual/Developmental Disability and Aged/Physical Disability (0484.R02.02)**  
**State Operating Agency: Department of Health Services, Division of Long-term Care**

**Description**

This waiver, also frequently called the Include, Respect, I Self-direct (IRIS) Waiver, is intended to provide persons with an alternative to enrolling in Family Care, the state's managed care long-term care program. This waiver will provide eligible consumers the choice of a fully self-directed Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver.

When people are given the opportunity to enroll in long-term supports, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers unbiased option counseling related to IRIS and Family Care. The IRIS participant, and any person or persons providing assistance with self-direction, will receive information and individualized assistance from an IRIS Consultant.

Services provided by this waiver include: adult day care, daily living skills training, IRIS consultant, live-in caregiver, prevocational, respite, supported employment – individual, nursing, fiscal employer agent, 1 -2 bed adult family home, 3-4 bed adult family home, adaptive aids, assistive technology/communication aids/interpreter, consultative clinical and therapeutic services for caregivers, consumer education and training, counseling and therapeutic services, customized goods and services, day services, home delivered meals, home modification, housing counseling, personal emergency response system, relocation - housing start up and related utility costs, residential care apartment complex, specialized medical equipment and supplies, specialized transportation 2, specialized transportation, support broker, supported employment – group, supportive home care, training services for unpaid caregivers, and vocational and futures planning.

**Waiver Type**

1915(c); operates in conjunction with section 1915(j)

**Target Population-Eligibility**

Aged individuals age 65 and older, individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and intellectual disabilities (ID) age 18 and older, and individuals with physical disabilities ages 18-64.

**Level of Care**

Individuals require the level of care available in a Nursing Facility (NF) or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID).

**Respite Services**

Respite care services are those services that provided to a waiver eligible participant on a short-term basis, to relieve the participant’s primary caregiver(s) from care demands. Respite care services may be provided in a residential setting, the home of the participant, or in another community settings.

*Residential Respite:* may be provided in the following allowable settings: Adult Family Home certified for one or two persons; Adult Family Home licensed for three or four persons; Community Based Residential Facility; Residential Care Apartment Complex. Residential respite may include overnight stays by the participant.

*Home Based Respite:* When respite care service is provided in the home of the participant it is defined as Home Based Respite. Home based respite care services may be provided in partial day or overnight increments. The standards for respite provided within an individual’s home are determined primarily by the participant and/or their legal decision-maker. However, the respite provider would still be subject to a background check the same as other providers.

*Other setting Respite:* Other Setting Respite services may be provided in institutions such as a certified Medicaid setting (hospital, nursing home) or other licensed facility. Services may involve overnight or partial day stays by the participant. The standards for other setting respite are determined primarily by the participant and/or their legal decision-maker. However, the respite provider is still subject to a background check.

The receipt of respite precludes the participant from receiving other waiver services such as adult day care, nursing services, and supportive home care on the same day the participant receives respite care, unless there is clear documentation that the hours of service were delivered at distinct times from respite services. The actual length of the respite stay must be specified in the participant record.

Respite services are participant-directed.

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Respite Provider Eligibility	For provider information, see the forms listed under “Vendor Specific” at <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/forms.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/forms.htm</a>
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite may be provided by a legal guardian, relative or legally responsible individual. Respite providers in Home Based Respite and Other setting Respite are still subject to a background check, similar to other providers.
Enrollment Limit	24786: Year ending 04/31/2021
How to Apply	Apply to the IRIS program by contacting your local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm</a>
Contact Information	Contact your local ADRC Contact the IRIS Call Center at 888-515-4747 or the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, IRIS Management Section at <a href="mailto:DHSIRIS@wisconsin.gov">DHSIRIS@wisconsin.gov</a>
Link to Waiver Application	<a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/hcbw.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/hcbw.pdf</a>
Expiration Date	04/30/2021
Date of Last Update	06/27/2019

**WI Children's Long-term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program (0414.R03.02)**  
**State Operating Agency: Department of Health Services, Division of Long-term Care**

Description	<p>The overall purpose of Wisconsin's Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program is to provide necessary supports and services to prevent placement in an institutional setting. The goal of the CLTS Waiver Program is to support children with substantial needs, as well as their parents/guardians, by delivering services to assure the child's health, safety and welfare needs in an inclusive home and community setting. A key tenet of the program is that children are best served within the context of their family and community. This waiver is the consolidation of several previous CLTS waivers: the CLTS Developmental Disabilities waiver, the CLTS Serious Emotional Disturbance waiver, and the CLTS Physical Disabilities waiver.</p> <p>Services provided by this waiver include: consumer education and training, day services, respite, support and service coordination, supported employment – individual, supportive home care, financial management services, adaptive aids, adult family home, child care services, children's foster care, communication aids/assistive technology/interpreter services, community integration services, counseling and therapeutic services, daily living skills training, home modification, housing counseling, mentoring, nursing services, personal emergency response system (PERS), relocation services, specialized medical and therapeutic supplies, supported employment - small group, training for parents/guardians &amp; families of children with disabilities, and transportation.</p>
Waiver Type	1915(c); concurrent operation with 1915 (b)(4) Fee-for-Service Contracting Program
Target Population-Eligibility	<p>Individuals 0 to 21 years old who have a physical or other disability, intellectual disabilities (ID), developmental disabilities (DD), autism, or a serious emotional disturbance (SED).</p> <p>Participants must reside in an allowable community living situation (with their parents in the family's private residence, in the home of a relative or guardian, including foster care providers or an adult family home (AFH) for participants 18 and older).</p>
Level of Care	Individuals require level of care available in a Hospital, Nursing Facility (NF), or Intermediate Care Facility for the Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).
Respite Services	<p>Respite care services are provided on a short term basis, to relieve the participant's family or other primary caregiver(s) from daily stress and care demands. Respite may be provided in-home or out-of-home, in any of the following provider settings: Community-Based Residential Facility, Foster Homes, Respite Agency, Residential Care Center (RCC) for Children and Youth, Family Child Care Center, Group Homes for Children, Shelter Care Facilities, Group Child Care Center, Adult Family Home, Day Camps, or by another person appropriately qualified as approved by the State and as related to the unique service being provided.</p> <p>This service may not duplicate any service that is provided under another waiver service category. Respite services may be participant-directed or provider managed.</p>
Respite Provider Eligibility	Information for providers: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/provider-home.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/provider-home.htm</a>
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite services may not be provided by a legally responsible person, but may be provided by a relative or a legal guardian.
Enrollment Limit	14209: Year ending 03/31/2022
How to Apply	<p>Apply by contacting your local County Agency (listings at <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/contact.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/contact.htm</a>)</p> <p>For families living in Adams, Columbia, Dane, Green, Jackson, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties:</p> <p>Apply through CompassWisconsin: Threshold by visiting <a href="http://www.compasswisconsin.org/programs/how-to-apply/">http://www.compasswisconsin.org/programs/how-to-apply/</a></p>

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Contact Information	For more information, contact your County Agency or CompassWisconsin: Threshold. Or, call the Department of Health Services at 608-266-1865.
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Link to Waiver Application	<a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/draft-waiver-amendment.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/draft-waiver-amendment.pdf</a>
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**WI Family Care Waiver (0367.R03.05)****State Operating Agency: Wisconsin Department of Health, Division of Long-term Care**

Description	<p>Family Care is a comprehensive and flexible managed long-term care program, which strives to foster people's independence and quality of life, while recognizing the need for individualized support. Family Care gives participants the choice to receive long-term care in their own homes and integrated community settings. The goals of the waiver are to improve choice, access, quality, and cost-effectiveness.</p> <p>Family Care is now statewide. Furthermore, in 13 counties, including the two largest, Milwaukee and Dane, eligible persons may choose the Family Care Partnership Program. Partnership is a §1932a/1915c managed care model that provides one-stop, fully integrated health and long-term care services, combining the Family Care long-term care benefit with primary and acute health care services including all Medicaid and Medicare services. For dual eligible individuals, Medicare services are provided through a Medicare Advantage Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (FIDE) Special Needs Plan.</p> <p>Services provided by this waiver include: adult day care, case management, daily living skills training, day habilitation, prevocational, respite, supported employment-individual employment support, consumer directed supports (self-directed supports) broker, financial management services, adaptive aids, adult residential care-1-2 bed adult family homes, adult residential care-3-4 bed adult family homes, adult residential care-community-based residential facilities, adult residential care-residential care apartment complexes, assistive technology/communication aids, consultative clinical and therapeutic services for caregivers, consumer education/training, counseling and therapeutic resources, environmental accessibility adaptations (home modification), home delivered meals, housing counseling, personal emergency response services (PERS), relocation services, self-directed personal care, skilled nursing services RN/LPN, specialized medical equipment and supplies, supported employment-small group employment support, supportive home care, training services for unpaid caregivers, transportation (specialized transportation)-community transportation, transportation (specialized transportation)-other transportation, and vocational futures planning and support.</p>
Waiver Type	1915(c); 1915(b)(2)(4) central broker and selective contracting; 1932(a) Family Care Partnership Program under State Plan
Target Population-Eligibility	Individuals diagnosed with a disability, either physical or other, between 18 and 64 years old. Individuals 65 years old or older. Individuals diagnosed with a developmental or intellectual disability 18 years old or older. Individuals must reside within one of the Family Care counties listed above.
Level of Care	Individuals require level of care available in a nursing facility (NF) or in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).
Respite Services	<p>Respite care services are services provided for a member on a short-term basis to ease the member's family or other primary caregiver(s) from daily stress and care demands. Respite care may be provided in an institution such as a certified Medicaid setting (hospital, nursing home) or other licensed facility. Respite care may also be provided in a residential facility such as a certified or licensed adult family home, licensed community-based residential facility, certified residential care apartment complex, in the member's own home or the home of a respite care provider.</p> <p>This service may not duplicate any service that is provided under another waiver service category or through the Medicaid State Plan. Respite services may be participant-directed or provider-managed.</p>
Respite Provider Eligibility	For provider information, visit <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/partners-providers.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/partners-providers.htm</a> Contact information for counties and the providers within those counties can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
Caregiver Eligibility	Respite services may be provided by a legally responsible person, a relative, or a legal guardian.
Enrollment Limit	64266: Year ending 12/31/2019

How to Apply	Apply for Family Care or Partnership by contacting their local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm</a>
Contact Information	Contact Wisconsin Department of Health, Division of Long-term Care via phone at (608)-267-7286, or via email at <a href="mailto:DHSFCWebmail@wisconsin.gov">DHSFCWebmail@wisconsin.gov</a> .
Link to Waiver Application	<a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/familycare/statefedreqs/fc1915cwaiver.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/familycare/statefedreqs/fc1915cwaiver.pdf</a>
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