

What are Medicaid Waiver Programs?

If a health issue limits your daily life, you may want to apply for a Medicaid waiver. Some waivers have a set amount of money available each year. Most times, people must also show their need cannot be met another way (like a managed care plan). These programs give extra help such as the following:

- Home health care
- Home modifications
- Case management
- Durable medical equipment
- Transportation
- Adult day services

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Hygiene: Bathing, dental care

Dressing: Choosing and putting on clothes

Eating: Avoiding spills or choking

Toileting: Getting on or off the toilet, cleaning

Mobility: Changing position, moving safely

Medication: Able to use and store safely

- Do you ever struggle or fail to do this?
- Does this take you more effort or time than it does others?
- Would equipment (like a shower chair) help make it easier?
- Would help lower your chance of injury?
- Are you adequately doing it yourself?

Eligibility for the Individual Options, Level One, or Self Waivers

- Developmental disability diagnosis before age 22
- “Substantial limitations” in three life areas (self care, receptive and expressive communication, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency)
- Need for personalized plan of services, and a waiver benefit that cannot be met in another way

Eligibility for the Passport or Ohio Home Care Waiver

- Income below \$2,349 (2022) each month. People with higher income can look into a special account called a **Qualified Income Trust**.
- A need for help with one of the following:
 - Two activities of daily living
 - One activity of daily living and medication administration
 - One skilled nursing service
 - One skilled rehabilitation service
 - 24-hour help to prevent harm due to a cognitive impairment
- Those who meet the eligibility criteria for either the Individual Options, Level One, or Self Waiver must also have an “unstable medical condition” and a need for one of the following to qualify:
 - Skilled nursing seven days per week
 - Skilled rehabilitation five days per week

Eligibility for the Medicaid Buy In for Workers with Disabilities Program

- 16 to 64 years old
- Employed in paid work (part-time or full-time)
- Income below \$2,684 each month. Those earning between \$1,610 and \$2,684 each month pay a premium based on their income.
- Assets may not exceed \$12,555
- Meet Social Security definition of disability. Medicaid makes exceptions for some people whose health has improved.


Eligibility for the Specialized Recovery Services Program


- 21 years of age or older
- Income below \$2,349 each month
- Does not live in hospital-like setting
- Some applicants must meet the Social Security Administration definition of disability. Medicaid makes exceptions to this requirement, including for those over 65, on a transplant waiting list, or with kidney disease
- Active on transplant waiting list OR diagnosed with a **covered chronic condition**.
Examples include:

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| • Hemophilia | • HIV/AIDS | • Cancer |
| • Sickle cell anemia | • Immune Deficiency | • Cystic fibrosis |
| • Behavioral health disorder | • Kidney disease | • Previous Organ Transplant |


How DO I APPLY?

 **Online** benefits.ohio.gov

 **In Person** at your **local Job and Family Services office**


 **Phone** (844) 640-6446

How DO I APPEAL?

 You have **90 days** to appeal if you think your Medicaid was stopped or denied by mistake.


If your Medicaid is being stopped, you can appeal within **15 days** to keep your benefits on until you get a hearing decision.

Here are some of the ways you can ask for a state hearing:

 1-866-635-3748

 BSH@jfs.ohio.gov

 hearings.jfs.ohio.gov

 ODJFS Bureau of State Hearings
P.O. Box 182825
Columbus, Ohio 43218



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- Your Medicaid is denied, stopped, or lowered and you think it was wrong
- Your appeal was denied

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