



Medicaid Waivers in Virginia

What is a Medicaid Waiver?

A waiver is a process so that states may waive federal law so that that certain groups can receive a combination of medical, rehabilitative, and other services in the home or community-based settings under guidelines as an alternative to receiving care in a hospital, nursing home or institution.

Individuals with a brain injury determined to have a disability and meet the requirements to receive care in a nursing home or hospital and are eligible for Medicaid may be eligible for the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus Waiver.

The Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus Waiver

This waiver is available to the elderly or disabled, you do not have to have a developmental disability to qualify for this waiver. This is a new waiver and it combines the old Elderly or Disabled with Consumer direction (EDCD) and Technology Assisted (Tech) waivers.

To find out if you or a love one is eligible you need to have a screening team conduct a screening at a hospital or at your local Department of Social Services. The screening tool used is called the uniform assessment instrument.

To find out if you are eligible for Medicaid you can go to:

www.commonhelp.virginia.gov to determine if you are eligible for Medicaid.

Services that can be provided:

- Adult Day Health Care
- Personal Assistance Services
- Respite care
- Transition Services
- Personal Emergency Response System & Medication monitoring
- Assistive Technology
- Environmental Modifications

What if I have CCC Plus or receiving CCC Plus waiver services and I have a concern or complaint?

Contact your Long Term Care Ombudsman. Visit www.elderrightsva.org or call: 1-800 552-3402

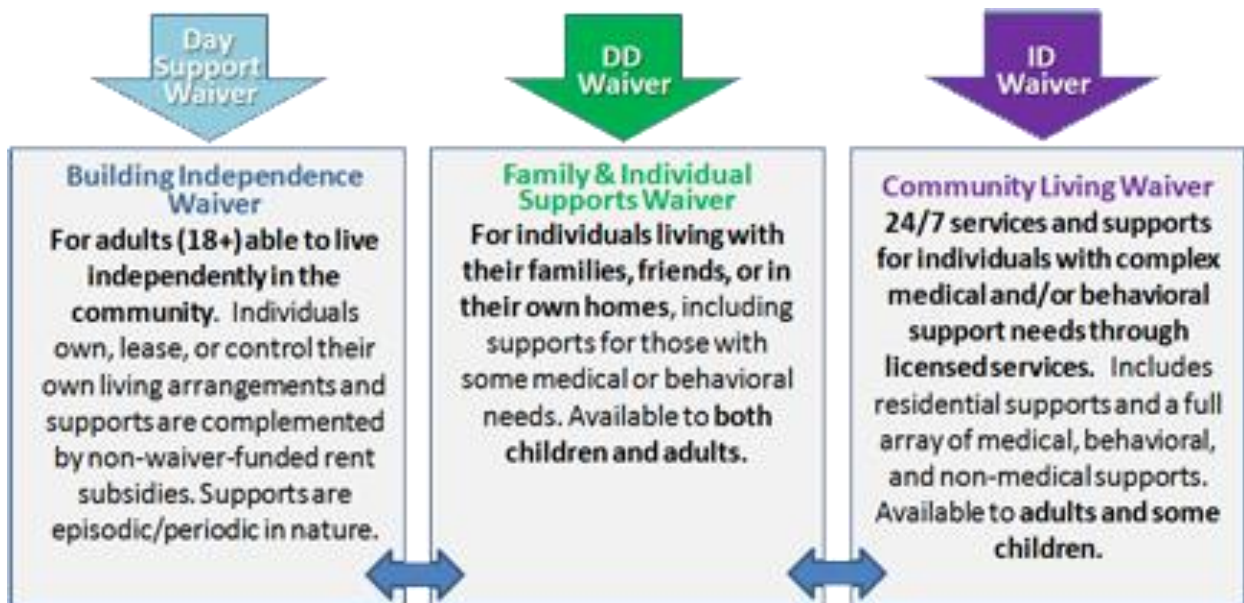


Individuals with a brain injury do not always qualify for a Medicaid Waiver. If an injury happens prior to an individual's 21st birthday they may be eligible for a Developmental Disability Waiver.

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services manages three Medicaid Waivers for individuals with a developmental disability. www.dbhds.virginia.gov

A waiver is funding to have supports in the individuals home and community rather than in a nursing home or institution. The chart below shows the original three waivers that have been amended to allow for more flexibility and includes new services. The three current available Developmental Disability waiver are:

1. Building Independence Waiver
2. Family and Individual Supports Waiver
3. Community Living Waiver



Not everyone is eligible for one of the developmental disability waivers. For individuals with a brain injury your injury must have occurred prior to your 21st birthday to be considered eligible. If this is the case for you or your love one you need to contact your local Community Services Board (CSB) or Behavioral Health Authority (BHA) to find out if you are eligible. When you call ask to start the process for determining eligibility for a Developmental Disability Waiver.

More information and graphic located on www.mylifemycommunityvirginia.org or call 1-844-603 9248

Where can I get help?

Brain Injury Association of Virginia 1.800.444.6443 - Connect to information and resources via telephone or Chat www.biav.net



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