



# ILLINOIS MEDICAID WAIVERS

AN OVERVIEW OF ILLINOIS WAIVERS

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# Home & Community Based Service Waiver Overview

Overseen by the Illinois Medicaid agency Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

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## ■ Individuals Must

- Be US citizens/legal aliens and Illinois residents
- Meet Medicaid financial eligibility waiver requirements
- Need the amount of care that would otherwise require a nursing facility
- Have service needs equal or be less than the cost of institutional care
- Meet specific waiver age and other diagnosis requirements
- Be able to safely receive care at home as opposed to a nursing facility



# How to Enroll as a Provider for HCBS Waivers

To become an Illinois provider of HCBS waivers, there are a few requirements your agency needs to meet.

## ■ Requirements

- An agency must obtain an NPI number from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) at the link provided below:  
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>.
- A taxonomy must be acquired at the link provided below:  
<https://taxonomy.nucc.org/>
- Current Certifications and Licensures which include:
  - In-state professional licenses
  - Out-of-state medical licenses
  - Medicare certifications
  - Documents from the American Board of Medical Specialties
  - Certificates for the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments
  - Behavior Analyst Certifications
  - Deaf or Hard of Hearing Commission Licenses
  - Board of Optician and Contact Lens Certifications
  - Certificates from the Federal Aviation Administration
- An active email address for the provider
- **Set up an IMPACT account** for the provider which can be created at the link provided here: <https://impact.illinois.gov/>  
Setting up this account involves filling out:
  - Waiver Program Provider Agreements
  - HSP Provider Agreements
  - Photo ID requests
  - SSN Verification Documents
  - And more!

Access these forms at the link below:

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=84345>



# Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

**Provides services and individualized support to individuals with a developmental disability.**

### ■ Eligibility

- 18 years of age or older
- Do not require 24-hour nursing care
- Assessed by the Inventory for Client and Agency Planning as eligible for an institutional level of care
- At risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

### ■ Services

- Adaptive Equipment
- Adult Day Care
- Assistive Technology
- Behavior Intervention and Treatment
- Behavioral Services
- Community Day Services
- Emergency Home Response Services
- Home Accessibility Modifications
- Non-medical Transportation
- Occupational Therapy
- Personal Support
- Physical Therapy
- Remote Support
- Residential Habilitation
- Self-Direction Assistance
- Skilled Nursing
- Speech Therapy
- Supported Employment—Individual Employment Support
- Supported Employment—Small Group Supports
- Temporary Assistance
- Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers
- Vehicle Modification
- 24-hour Stabilization Services



## Becoming a Provider for Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver

To become a provider for this waiver, a candidate must use either a **Preadmission Screening agency (PAS)** or an **Independent Service Coordination agency**.

Contact these agencies through the Developmental Disabilities Hotline at **1-888-DD-PLANS** or at **1-866-376-8446** for TTY

**OR**

If you wish to visit the DHS office in person, use the DHS Office Location site at: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12>

Then search by “Developmental Disabilities Services” office type and your county.

**OR**

Call **1-800-843-6154 #3** or **1-800-447-6404** for TTY





# Persons with Brain Injury Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

**Provides services and individualized support to persons with a brain injury who live at home.**

### ■ Eligibility

- Medicaid eligible/enrolled in the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities program
- Experience disabilities as a direct result of an acquired brain injury
- At risk of nursing facility level of care (waiver service costs must be lost)

### ■ Services

- Individual Provider
- Home Health Aide
- Homemaker
- Adult Day Care
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Home Delivered Meals
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite
- Intermittent Nursing
- Nursing
- Extended State Plan Therapy Services (Physical, Occupational, Speech)
- Day Habilitation
- Prevocational Services
- Supported Employment
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapies



# Becoming a Provider for Persons with Brain Injury Waiver

To become a provider for this waiver, a candidate must contact the DHS-DRS offices at **1-877-581-3690, 1-800-447-6404 for TTY, or email at [DHS.HSPWaiver@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.HSPWaiver@illinois.gov)**

**OR**

If you wish to visit the DHS office in person, use the DHS Office Location site at: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12>

**THEN**

Search by “Rehabilitation Services” office type and your county.





# Persons with Disabilities Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

**Provides services and individualized support to persons with a disability who live at home.**

### ■ Eligibility

- Under 60 years old at the at the time of applying.
- Medicaid eligible or enrolled in the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities
- Have a sever disability expected to last 12 months or more
- At risk of nursing facility level of care (waiver service costs must be lost)

### ■ Services

- Individual Provider
- Home Health Aide
- Homemaker
- Adult Day Care
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Home Delivered Meals
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite
- Intermittent Nursing
- Nursing
- Extended State Plan Therapy Services (Physical, Occupational, Speech)



## Becoming a Provider for Persons with Disabilities Waiver

To become a provider of this waiver type candidates must contact the DHS-DRS offices at **1-877-581-3690** or **1-800-447-6404** for TTY

### OR

If you wish to visit the DHS office in person, use the DHS Office Location site at: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12>

### THEN

Search by “Rehabilitation Services” office type and your county.





# Persons who are Elderly Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

Provides services and individualized support to persons who are elderly.

### ■ Eligibility

- Must be 60years old or older
- Physically Disabled
- Cost to the state for care is determined to be less than cost for nursing facility care

### ■ Services

- In-home Service (Homemaker)
- Adult Day Service
- Emergency Home Response Service
- Automated Medication Dispenser Service





# Becoming a Provider for Persons who are Elderly Waiver

To become a provider of this waiver, a candidate must reach out to the Community Care Program online at **Senior Help Line** at

<https://ilaging.illinois.gov/resources/helpline-main.html>

**OR**

Through **email** at: **aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov**

**OR**

Calling **1-800-252-8966 #4** between the hours of **8:30 AM and 5:00 PM CST Monday -Friday**





# Persons with HIV or AIDS Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

**Provides services and individualized support to persons with Human Immune Deficiency or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome who live at home.**

### ■ Eligibility

- Have severe disabilities or limitations as a result of HIV or Aids that are expected to last 12 months or longer.
- Medicaid eligible or enrolled in the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities
- At risk of nursing facility level of care (waiver service costs must be lost)
- Any age

### ■ Services

- Individual Provider
- Home Health Aide
- Homemaker
- Adult Day Care
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Home Delivered Meals
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite
- Intermittent Nursing
- Nursing
- Extended State Plan Therapy Services (Physical, Occupational, Speech)



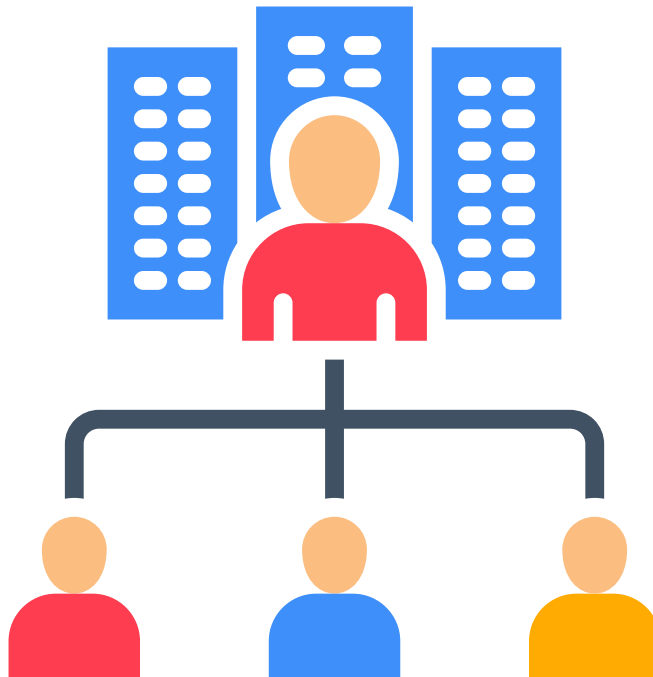
# Becoming a Provider for Persons with HIV or AIDS

To become a provider, a candidate must reach out to the following department:

**Department of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services**

**Phone:** (877) 581-3690

**Email:** [DHS.HSPWaiver@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.HSPWaiver@illinois.gov)





# People who are Medically Fragile, Technology, Dependent Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

**Provides services and individualized support to people with special healthcare needs.**

### ■ Eligibility

- Must be under 21 at the time of applying.
- Lives with family or legally responsible adult in a private residence.
- Meets minimum score on the Illinois-approved Level of Care tool (LOC)
- Services cost for the state is less than the cost of institutional care

### ■ Services

- Respite
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Family Training
- In-Home Shift Nursing for adults
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Nurse Training
- Placement Maintenance Counseling Services
- Nursing by Legally Responsible Adult



## Becoming a Provider for People who are Medically Fragile, Technology, Dependent Waiver

To become a provider of this waiver, candidates must provide the Illinois Division of Specialized care for Children with :

- **ADSCC Provider Profile form** (available at: <https://dsccl.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/123-PROVIDER-PROFILE-2.pdf>)
- **A W9 or a DSCC tax form** (available at: <https://dsccl.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/9-TAXPAYER-IDENTIFICATION-NUMBER-AND-LEGAL-STATUS-DISCLOSURE-CERTIFICATION.pdf>)

**NOTE:** if you've already set up an IMPACT provider portal for this waiver, these forms should be included there.





# Supportive Living Program Waiver

## Fee for Service Waiver

Offers apartment-style housing with a menu of services.

### ■ Eligibility

- Screened by Health Care and Family Services/screening agency to be in need of Supportive Living Program
- Be checked against required sex offender websites.
- Between 22-64 years with a physical disability or persons aged 65 or over.
- Not participating in other HCBS waiver programs.
- Income equal or greater than the max amount allowed by Supplemental Security Income (all but \$90 each month goes toward lodging, meals, and services)

### ■ 2026 Social Security Income Monthly Amounts

- \$498 for an essential person
- \$994 for an eligible individual
- \$1,491 for an eligible couple

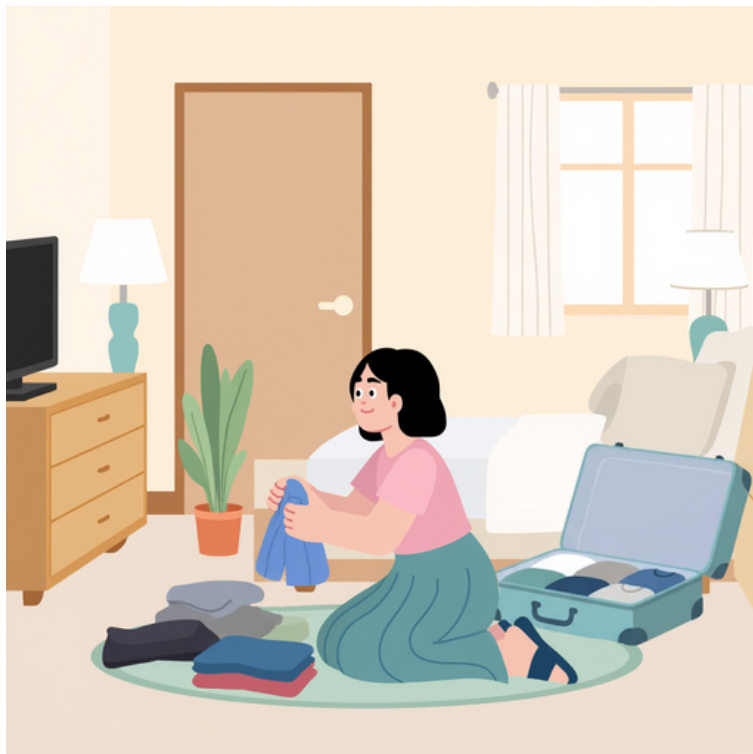
These rates reflect a 2.8% increase from the previous year.



# Supportive Living Program Waiver

## ■ Services

- Intermittent nursing services
- Meals and snacks
- Medication oversight
- Personal care
- Social/recreational programming
- Health promotion & exercise programming
- 24-hour response/security staff
- Emergency call system
- Laundry
- Housekeeping
- Maintenance
- Well-being check
- Ancillary services





# Becoming a Provider for Supportive Living Program Waiver

To become a provider for this waiver, candidates must contact the following:

**Illinois Health and Family Services Bureau of Long-Term Care**

**Phone:** 217-782-0545

844-528-8444 toll free

**OR**

Through email at **[hfs.webmaster@illinois.gov](mailto:hfs.webmaster@illinois.gov)**

**Website**





## Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities - Residential Waiver

### Fee for Service Waiver

Provides services to children and young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

### ■ Eligibility

- Children ages 3 through 21 who live with their families
- At risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability
- Enrolled in Medicaid: family income is waived, but the
- Not in need of 24-hour nursing care

### ■ Services

- Adaptive Equipment
- Assistive Technology
- Behavior Intervention and Treatment
- Child's Group Home



## Becoming a Provider for Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities - Residential Waiver

To become a provider for this waiver, candidates must contact and Independent Service Coordinator agency by calling **1-888-DD-PLANS** or **1-866-376-8446**

**OR**

**By reaching out to the IL Division of Developmental Disabilities at:**

- **Phone:** (888) 337-5267
- **Email:** [DHS.DDDComments@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.DDDComments@illinois.gov)





## Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities - Support Waiver

### Fee for Service Waiver

Provides services to children and young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

### ■ Eligibility

- Children ages 3 through 21 who live with their families
- At risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability
- Enrolled in Medicaid: family income is waived, but the
- Not in need of 24-hour nursing care

### ■ Services

- Adaptive Equipment
- Assistive Technology
- Behavior Intervention and Treatment
- Home Accessibility Modifications
- Personal Support
- Self-Direction Assistance
- Temporary Assistance
- Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers
- Vehicle Modification



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## Home Service Program Rates & Fees

Updated 01/02/2026

| Service Description Code | Service Description Text        | Type Service Codes (D=diagnostic) | Units | Max Unit Price |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 4163                     | ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES    | 25                                | -     | 0              |
| 4162                     | ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT RENTAL       | 25                                | MO    | 250            |
| 4167                     | ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT REPAIR       | 25                                | -     | 2000           |
| 4121                     | ADULT DAY CARE-HOURLY RATE      | 17                                | HOUR  | 16.84          |
| 4122                     | ADULT DAY CARE-TRANSPORTATION   | 17                                | TRIP  | 12.44          |
| 4139                     | BACKGROUND CHECK                | 25-D                              | UNIT  | 30             |
| 4184                     | CASE MANAGEMENT                 | 50-D                              | MO    | 175.27         |
| 4187                     | CASE MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION    | 50-D                              | HOUR  | 25             |
| 4185                     | CASE MANAGEMENT-ASSESSMENT      | 50-D                              | AS    | 140.00         |
| 4186                     | CASE MANAGEMENT-REASSESSMENT    | 50-D                              | REAS  | 70.10          |
| 4145                     | CCU FACE TO FACE W/TRANSLATION  | 24-D                              | UNIT  | 168.26         |
| 4144                     | CCU PRE-SCREEN NON FACE TO FACE | 24-D                              | UNIT  | 65.43          |

Full List Provided Here:

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=83520>





## Home Service Program Updates

### Starting 07/01/2026

A new waiver combining the Persons with Brain Injury, Persons with Disabilities, and Persons with HIV & AIDS is scheduled to be released.

A recording of the virtual town hall meeting that took place in May is available at the link below:

<https://illinois.webex.com/recording-service/sites/illinois/recording/c05dfb991ecf103ebbf2a46b2798c04/playback>

### AND

More information on the update can be found at the link provided below:

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=67182#:~:text=DRS%20Waiver%20Merger%20and%202025,and%20to%20seek%20their%20feedback.>





## *Quick Wins*

# 7 Actions to Take This Week

### ► Update Your Google Business Profile

Make sure your hours, services, and contact info are accurate. A complete and up-to-date profile helps potential clients find and trust you quickly.

### ► Call Three Past Clients

Ask for testimonials or referrals. Hearing what they appreciated most can also reveal what sets your agency apart.

### ► Interview One Caregiver

Get feedback on what's working and what could be better. Frontline staff often have valuable insights into both client needs and internal operations.

### ► Post One Client Story On Facebook

Human stories build connection. Share a real-life example (with permission) that highlights the impact of your care.

### ► Review Your Website Homepage

Is your UVP clear and front-and-center? Make sure visitors immediately understand what makes your agency different and why they should choose you.

### ► Set Up One New Community Contact

Reach out to a local senior center, clinic, or faith-based organization. Building referral relationships expands your reach and strengthens your local presence.

### ► Audit Your Onboarding Process

Look for one thing you can improve to make new hires feel more welcome. A strong first impression sets the tone for caregiver retention and engagement.



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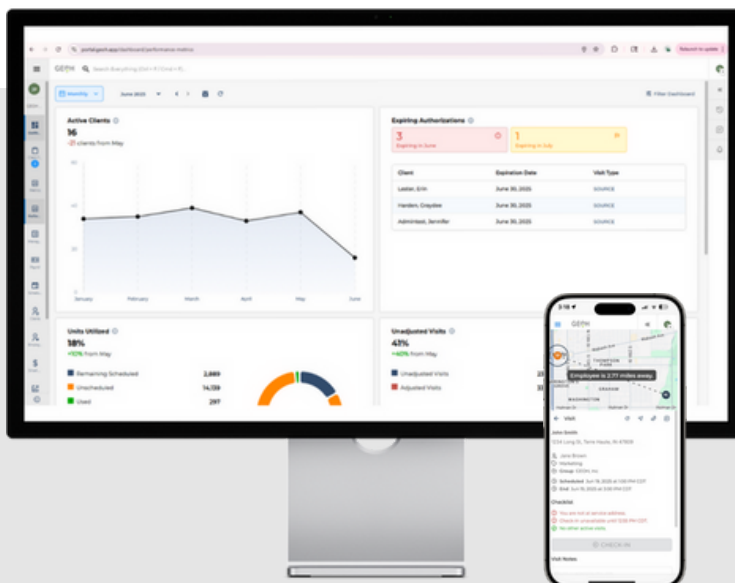
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