

Waivers made simple

Medicaid waiver programs help provide options, not covered by Medicaid alone, for individuals with disabilities to live in their home or community rather than in an institution. Waivers can support the health and safety needs of individuals with disabilities or complex medical needs. Waivers are not an entitlement, and each waiver has specific eligibility requirements. United States citizens or legal permanent residents are eligible for a waiver.

Steps to success

1. Receive certification of disability. Depending on the type of waiver, disability certifications may come through Social Security, State Medical Review Team, or your doctor.
2. Apply for Medical Assistance (MA) Disability through your county or online:
<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/mnchoices>
3. Once approved for MA Disability, schedule a MN Choice Assessment online or through your county.
4. A MN Choice Assessor will come to your home to evaluate whether your child qualifies for services. Your child must be assessed annually to ensure they still qualify.
5. You will receive a written assessment summary from the county and will be assigned a contact person to review and develop a community support plan.

Additional information

For more information, contact PACER at (952) 838-9000 or online at pacer.org.

Minnesota waiver eligibility chart for children and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs

	Developmental Disability: <i>DD Waiver</i> Individuals with developmental disability or related condition to receive help to remain in home and community instead of intermediate care facility (health related facility providing help for individuals unable to care for themselves).	Brain Injury: <i>BI Waiver</i> Individuals with traumatic brain injury that are able to function well enough to participate in rehabilitation services in their home or community and need greater levels of service than can be attained by other waivers.	Community Alternative Care: <i>CAC Waiver</i> Individuals with disabilities that need the level of care provided in a hospital .	Community Access for Disability Inclusion: <i>CADI Waiver</i> Individuals with disabilities that need help to live in the community rather than a nursing facility.
Apply through County Human Services	YES	YES	YES	YES
Must be on medical assistance — disability	YES	YES	YES	YES
Who provides disability certification	Documented diagnosis of developmental disability by doctor	Social Security or State Medical Review team	Social Security or State Medical Review team	Social Security or State Medical Review team
Requires MN Choices Assessment through county for services determination	YES	YES	YES	YES
Income/asset limit	NO	NO	NO	NO