



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Home and Community-Based Options and Person Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver

What is an HCBS Waiver?

The Waiver is:

- Waiver from Medicaid State Plan
- Program that allows South Dakota to provide services in consumer's home/community using Medicaid dollars
- Granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Current Waiver implemented 10/1/2016

Benefits of HCBS Waivers

- Allows consumers to stay in their homes & communities longer
- Cost effective
 - Prevents premature admit to nursing facility
 - Federal government covers approximately 50% of the cost of waiver services
- Consumers eligible for HOPE waiver are also eligible for full coverage Medicaid

Who is eligible for the HOPE Waiver?

Consumers 65 and older, and consumers 18 and older with a qualifying disability who meet:

- Nursing facility Level of Care (MRT)
- Financial and other eligibility (EA)

Level of Care (LOC)

The Medical Review Team (MRT) determines if a consumer meets Nursing Facility LOC

MRT is comprised of:

- Nurse
- LTSS Specialist

Level of Care (LOC)

The level of care is an impartial, objective determination based on information provided by the LTSS Specialist.

Information includes:

- Community Health Assessment (CHA)
- Physician's Order

Level of Care (LOC)

To meet Nursing Facility level of care, the consumer must meet one of these 3 criteria:

- Continuing direct care services which have been ordered by a physician and can only be provided by or under the supervision of a professional nurse. Must require these services once every 24 hours.
- The assistance of another person for the performance of any activity of daily living according to an assessment of the individual's needs.
- In need of skilled mental health services or skilled therapeutic services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech/language therapy in any combination that is provided at least once per week.

Financial Eligibility

Financial eligibility is determined by Economic Assistance and includes:

- Income (300% of SSI)= \$2250
- Resources (\$2,000 or less)
- Verification of US Citizenship and SD Residency
- Verification of level of care determination

HOPE Waiver Services

- Homemaker
- Personal Care
- *Nursing Services*
- Respite Care
- *Adult Day Services*
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Meals
- *Nutritional Supplements*
- *Specialized Medical Equipment/Assistive Technology*
- *Specialized Medical Supplies*
- *Adult Companion Services*
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Chore
- *Assisted Living*

HOPE Waiver Services Proposed

- Community Transition Supports
- Community Transition Coordination
- Community Living Service
- Structured Family Caregiving Service

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