



Developmental Disabilities Community Services CORE Waiver

Overview

The Core waiver is one of DSHS Developmental Disabilities Community Services five federal Home and Community-Based waivers. This waiver offers residential habilitation services to individuals who are at immediate risk of losing their community residential setting. Individuals must have an identified health and welfare need for residential services that cannot be met by the Basic Plus waiver.

Services Include

- Assistive Technology.
- Community Engagement.
- Community Inclusion.
- Community Transition.
- Environmental Adaptations.
- Extermination of Bed Bugs.
- Individual or Group Supported Employment.
- Individualized Technical Assistance.
- Life Skills.
- Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapies (for adults, when not covered under state plan benefits).
- Residential Habilitation.
- Respite.
- Remote Support.
- Risk Assessment.
- Skilled Nursing (over age 21).
- Specialized Equipment and Supplies.
- Stabilization Services – Life Skills.
- Stabilization Services – Staff and Family Consultation.
- Stabilization Services- Crisis Diversion Bed.
- Supported Parenting.
- Transportation.
- Wellness Education.



Eligibility

DDCS clients who:

- Meet Social Security disability criteria.
- Meet institutional level of care criteria.
- Have a DDCS assessment and Person-Centered Service Plan that describe how the participant's health, safety and habilitation needs will be met in the community.
- Have agreed to accept home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional services.

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Email questions to DDAFeedback@dshs.wa.gov or [find a local office](#) for telephone numbers.



Oversight

External

- DSHS Residential Care Services Division.
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- National Core Indicators Project.
- Office of the Washington State Auditor.
- Washington State Department of Health.

Internal

- DDCS Office of Program and Policy Development.
- DDCS Office of Quality Programs and Services.
- DDCS Office of Quality, Compliance and Training.
- DDCS Office of Residential, Employment and Day Services.
- DDCS Office of Provider Compliance and Transition Quality Assurance.

Partners

- Individuals receiving services.
- Families of program participants.
- DSHS Home and Community Services.
- Department of Children, Youth and Families.
- The Arc of Washington.
- DD Ombuds.
- Disability Rights Washington.
- Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council.
- Health Care Authority.
- Informing Families.

Rates

Waiver services are delivered by many different contracted services providers whose rates are dependent upon the service offered. Service rates can be found at [Developmental Disabilities rates](#).



Authority

Federal funding under section 1915c of the Social Security Act, Home and Community Based Services Waivers and state funding.

[Chapter 71A RCW](#), Developmental disabilities

[Chapter 388-845 WAC](#), DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers.

[RCW 71A.18.060](#) Budget Requests for Expenditures

Budget

Waivers are limited to the average cost of an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities for any combination of services necessary to meet the assessed client need. We cannot deny services to people on the waiver due to lack of funding, so waiver costs are carefully monitored.