Core Waiver

The Core Waiver offers services for up to 5,000 individuals who require residential habilitation services, or are living at home and are at immediate risk of out-of-home placement.

Home and Community Based Services waiver services may only supplement services otherwise available through the Medicaid state plan.

Eligibility Requirements

- Determined an eligible client by the Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Meet social security disability criteria
- Meet institutional level of care criteria
- Income less than $2,250 per month and resources less than $2,000
- Accept home and community-based services rather than institutional care

Services

- Behavior health stabilization services
- Chemical extermination of bedbugs
- Community guide
- Community Inclusion
- Community transition
- Individual/Group Supported Employment
- Individualized Technical Assistance
- Environmental adaptations
- Occupational, physical, and speech therapies
- Positive behavior support and consultation
- Residential habilitation
- Respite care
- Risk assessment

- Skilled nursing
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies
- Specialized psychiatric services
- Staff and family consultation and training
- Transportation
- Wellness education

Stakeholders

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Counties and service providers
- The Arc of Washington
- Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
- DSHS’s Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

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In January 2020, 4,607 DDA clients were approved to receive the Core waiver to help them remain in the community.