

All About Medicaid Waiver Programs for Children

And how they help save caregivers thousands of dollars annually



What are they?

Programs that waive traditional Medicaid eligibility requirements so more people can access Medicaid benefits and a variety of care support services.

Who's eligible?

It depends, but waivers are most commonly for individuals with:

- Intellectual/developmental disabilities such as autism, blindness or traumatic brain injuries
- Medically complex needs



How can they help?

They offer a wide variety of supportive services and resources for caregivers, including:

- Physical, occupational, speech therapy
- Counseling and family support
- Durable medical equipment
- Respite care
- Case management
- In-home caregivers



What else should I know about Medicaid Waiver Programs?

- Commercial insurance often doesn't cover many needed services and supplies, leading to **thousands of dollars in annual out-of-pocket costs** without help from Medicaid Waiver Programs
- Each state has their own programs and eligibility requirements
- Application processes can be complicated and vary by state and county
- **Waitlists can be really long**, but many states will help connect you to other available services while you're on the waitlist
- They can help provide **vital support through adulthood** once a child ages out of other services
- Kids' Waivers is a great starting place to learn what resources may be available to you

You don't have to figure out Medicaid Waiver Programs alone. A Care Coach will walk you through program options and ensure you have the correct application materials for each program.

