



Missouri Home & Community Based Waiver Programs

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- The Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, administers four Home and Community Based Waivers for individuals who have been diagnosed with one or more of a specific list of approved diagnoses.
- Other eligibility requirements are:
 - Medicaid eligibility
 - Substantial limitations in three or more areas
 - Demonstrated lasting need for waiver service(s) which, if not met, would result in the person needing ICF/DD level of care (institutionalization)

Eligibility (RSMo 630.005)

"Developmental disability", a disability:

(a) Which is attributable to:

- a. Intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, head injury or autism, or a learning disability related to a brain dysfunction; or
- b. Any other mental or physical impairment or combination of mental or physical impairments; and

(b) Is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two; and

(c) Is likely to continue indefinitely; and

(d) Results in substantial functional limitations in two or more of the following areas of major life activities:

- a. Self-care;
- b. Receptive and expressive language development and use;
- c. Learning;
- d. Self-direction;
- e. Capacity for independent living or economic self-sufficiency;
- f. Mobility; and

(e) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, habilitation or other services which may be of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated

What are Waivers?

- The Medicaid waiver program is a state-level program that helps pay for health-care services for people who have developmental disabilities. It gives states the freedom to "waive" some of the federal requirements that people need to fulfill in order to be eligible for certain Medicaid services
- In the past, many Medicaid funded services were only available to people who were institutionalized, but the Medicaid waiver makes it possible for people with disabilities to receive these services at home or at community level
- Individuals participating in a Waiver or other I/DD programs administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities must have a support coordinator assigned to them – many individuals only receive support coordination services, which are critical in helping individuals to connect with community-based supports/services and other needed resources

Funding Split

- Each waiver service is for a targeted group of individuals who have developmental disabilities. The State determines the number of people it will serve, what services it will cover, and how much it will spend on services in each waiver. (Rewritten every 5 years)
- Medicaid Waiver and TCM funding in Missouri consists of matching approximately 36% state general revenue dollars with approximately 64% per cent federal dollars, except for the PFH waiver.

Missouri's Waivers

- Comprehensive Waiver
- Community Waiver
- Missouri Children's with Developmental Disabilities Waiver (formerly know as the Sarah Lopez Waiver)
- Partnership for Hope Waiver

Each waiver program has its own specified rules and services. TCM monitoring and reporting requirements vary with each Waiver.

Comprehensive (Residential) Waiver

- The Comprehensive Waiver (now known as the Residential Waiver) began in FY 1989. This is the only waiver that provides residential supports and services. This waiver does not have an individual cap on the amount of service an individual may receive annually through the waiver. The participant must meet ICF/DD level of care and must be at risk of needing ICF/DD services if waiver services are not provided. In addition, there must be a determination that the individual's needs cannot be met in the Support Waiver.
- The Division serves over 8,000 people through the Comprehensive Waiver. The approximate average cost for persons in the Comprehensive waiver is under \$80,000 annually.

Community (Support) Waiver

- The Support Waiver (formerly known as the Community Support Waiver) began in July 2003, for persons who have a place to live in the community, usually with family. However, the family is unable to provide all the services and supports the person requires, which may sometimes include 24-hour care or supervision, seven days a week.
- This waiver has an individual annual cap on the total amount of services a person can receive of \$28,000. The person must meet ICF/DD level of care and must be at risk of needing ICF/DD services if waiver services are not provided. (The cap is “soft”, meaning exceptions are allowed.)
- The Support Waiver serves over 1,400 individuals.

MOCDD or Sarah Jian Lopez Waiver

- The Missouri Children's Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver is a Medicaid waiver administered by the Division of DD since FY 1995. Medicaid guidelines require parental income and resources to be considered in determining a child's financial eligibility for Medicaid when the child lives at home with the parents. This requirement is waived for children who participate in the MOCDD Waiver. This waiver provides participants eligibility for all State plan Medicaid services in addition to waiver services.
- To be eligible for this waiver, the child must: Not be eligible for Medicaid under regular guidelines; be under the age of 18; live with their parents/family; meet financial guidelines; be determined to have a permanent and total disability; be eligible for ICF/DD level of care; and be at risk of needing ICF/DD services if waiver services are not accessed.

Partnership for Hope

- The Partnership for Hope Waiver began October 1, 2010. This is a new county-based waiver that is a result of a partnership of the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, and the MO HealthNet Division.
- This waiver can serve adults and children and has an annual total waiver service cost limit per participant of \$12,360
- The Partnership for Hope Waiver was a significant reason why Missouri was able to eliminate its extensive “wait list” shortly after its implementation, although recent budget restrictions have created a new “wait list” for services

Partnership for Hope Waiver (Continued)

- The Partnership for Hope Waiver has additional caps for special exceptions:
 - The annual cap of \$12,360 may be exceeded by \$3,000 annually on a case-by-case basis for on-going support needs.
 - A one-time expenditure of up to \$10,000 during crisis or transition may be granted.
- County boards partner with the state to pay half of the match to leverage federal dollars.
- As of today, Partnership for Hope Waiver has enrolled **over 3,000** individuals in **99 counties** and the **City of St. Louis**.

How Do People Get Waiver Slots Now?

- Have to complete a Prioritization of Need – PON form. The scoring starts with a 12 – Emergency Need and goes to the lowest score of a 1. The information is verified by documentation of health or safety risk and detailed in the Individual Support Plan
- Must have attempted **EVERY OTHER POSSIBLE** resource first, and show denial letters to prove it
- In some cases, there is still a requirement to try the PFH waiver to see if it will meet needs first
- SB40s have no authority to manage waiver slot assignments in their own areas, other than the Partnership for Hope; however, DMH/DDD now controls who gets a slot and when (due to the wait list)
- If a slot is vacated, it goes elsewhere, along with the match dollars. If someone gives up a slot, they are not likely to get it back; therefore, they hold on to it even if not using to full potential. (Exception: Some SB40s have allocation agreements.)
- Individuals transitioning from congregate settings (i.e “Olmstead”, includes nursing homes, etc.) to community settings will receive slots

Current Wait List in Camden County (9/8/20)

- Partnership for Hope – 1
- Community (Support) Waiver – 3 (2 requests pending)
- Comprehensive (Residential) – 1
- Since 2019, 11 individuals have requested new Waiver slots (6 in 2019, 5 in 2020) – 6 have received slots; however, the increase in the number individuals on the wait list statewide for 2020 will likely significantly delay new slot assignments
- 3 Waiver slots have been assigned due to Olmstead (not included in wait list count)

Wait List by Date Statewide

	In Home Waitlist - Including MOCCD		
Date	Total	PON of 12	Residential
27-May-19	71	7	55
1-Jul-19	68	10	58
29-Jun-20	777	126	143
24-Aug-20	867	158	158