

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Community Supports for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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Medicaid Waiver Services

- DDD operates the CHOICES waiver to provide services to South Dakotans with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD)
 - CHOICES waiver
 - Comprehensive waiver services
 - 2,500 participants
 - Long-term supports

CHOICES Waiver

- The CHOICES waiver began in 1981 introducing community support services as an alternative to institutional services
- The waiver allows people to choose community based services
- CHOICES services support a person's independence to live, work and actively participate in the community



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Medicaid Waiver Services

- CHOICES services
 - Service coordination
 - Residential supports
 - Day habilitation
 - Pre-vocational
 - Supported employment
 - Nursing
 - Specialized Medical Services, Equipment, and Drugs
 - **CHOICES does not provide funding for room and board**

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Administrative Authority / Operating Authority

- Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services, is the designated State Medicaid Agency
- Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, is the designated operating agency

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Medicaid Eligibility

- Department of Social Services, Division of Economic Assistance, determines eligibility for all South Dakotans who apply for Medicaid including Waiver services
- Medicaid eligibility depends on:
 - Resources
 - Income
 - SSI



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I/DD Eligibility

- The DDD provides DSS with a recommendation of eligibility for the waiver based on:
 - Administrative Rules of South Dakota (67:54:03:03)
 - The individual has a severe chronic disability attributable to intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, head injury, brain disease, autism or another condition closely related to intellectual disability and requires treatment similar to those required for the intellectually disabled.
 - To be closely related to intellectual disability, a condition must cause impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of intellectual disability.
 - The disability manifested itself before the individual reached age 22; and
 - The disability is likely to continue indefinitely.

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Waiver Eligibility

- All of the following components must be present for eligibility:
 - Medicaid eligibility;
 - Level of care assessment;
 - Member of the target group;
 - Plan of care established; and
 - Waiver services identified

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