



What Is the Medicaid Title XIX I/DD Waiver?

The Medicaid Title XIX I/DD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Waiver Program is both a Federal and State program through the Social Security Act and funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and administered through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, WV Bureau for Medical Services and Acentra Health.

What Does The Medicaid Title XIX I/DD Waiver Do?

Home and community-based services provide opportunities for individuals to receive services in their own home and communities, rather than in more restrictive institutional settings. In fact, a person “waives” receiving services in an institution in order to receive them in their own home and community. HCBS services are offered by CMS as an option through states so that people can avoid going to institutions.

What Are The Concerns With The Recent Budget Cuts?

There are major cuts planned in the proposed application which has the thousands of people receiving HCBS services very concerned. Many of these cuts will have a devastating effect on the lives of the people who depend on these services to be able to live in their homes and communities which is essentially the reason the program exists.

The 10% proposed budget cuts to the Title XIX I/DD Waiver equates to approximately \$11 million dollars. Because West Virginia receives a 75% match from the federal government for Medicaid dollars, this will actually equate to approximately \$33 million dollars from the I/DD waiver alone. This does not include the cuts to the Aged and Disabled Waiver, Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver, or other programs and services that impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

How Many West Virginian’s Receive Services Through This Waiver?

There were currently 5,998 individuals actively enrolled as of January 2024. Of these, 4,439 are adults over the age of 18. An additional 636 individuals are on the waiting list for the I/DD Waiver program as of January 31, 2024, with some having been on the waitlist for over 3 years.

Other Facts

West Virginia leads the country in the percentage of individuals, per capita, with disabilities. Of the 18.7% of those with disabilities, it is estimated that 1.8% of the West Virginia’s population has a developmental disability which equates to approximately 33,000 individuals. Of those, only approximately 18% are served through the I/DD waiver.

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