

## Basic Plus Waiver

### Overview

The Basic Plus waiver is one of the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration's five federal Home and Community Based Services waivers. This waiver helps people at risk of losing their current living situation. These waiver services help people to meet their health and welfare needs in their own home, their family's home or in other settings.



### Eligibility

DDA clients who:

- Meet Social Security Disability criteria.
- Meet Institutional Level of Care criteria.
- Meet income and resource standards for Apple Health of Washington. (Client's income and resources, not family unit's income and resources.)
- Are a U.S. citizen or federally qualified legal resident.
- Have a DDA Assessment and Person-Centered Service Plan that describe how the participant's health, safety and habilitation needs will be met in the community.
- Accept home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional services.

### Budget

The capacity for the Basic Plus waiver is up to 12,439 individuals. In state FY23, 10,911 clients were served on the Basic Plus waiver at an average cost of \$821 per month.

Waivers are limited to the average cost of an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities for any combination of services necessary to meet the assessed client need. We cannot deny services to people on the waiver due to lack of funding, so waiver costs are carefully monitored.

### Rates

Waiver services are delivered by many different contracted service providers whose rates are dependent upon the service offered. Service rates can be found at:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/management-services-division/office-rates-management>



## Quality Assurance Oversight

### External

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- National Core Indicators Project.
- Office of the Washington State Auditor.
- Washington State Department of Health.

### Internal

- DDA Office of Program and Policy Development.
- DDA Office of Quality, Compliance and Training.
- DDA Office of Residential, Employment and Day Services.
- DDA Office of Provider Compliance and Transition Quality Assurance.

## Authority

- Federal funding under section 1915c of the Social Security Act, Home and Community Based Services Waivers and state funding.
- [Chapter 71A RCW](#), Developmental Disabilities.
- [Chapter 388-845 WAC](#), DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers.
- [RCW 71A.18.060](#) Budget Requests for Expenditures.

## Services Include

### DDA Assessment-based Services:

- Community Inclusion.
- Individual or Group Supported Employment.
- Individualized Technical Assistance.
- Respite.
- Risk Assessment.
- Stabilization Services – Specialized Habilitation.
- Stabilization Services – Staff and Family Consultation.
- Stabilization Services – Crisis Diversion Bed.

### Aggregate Services up to \$6,192/year:

- Assistive Technology.
- Community Engagement.
- Community Transition.
- Environmental Adaptations.
- Extermination of Bed Bugs.
- Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapies (for adults, when not covered under state plan benefits).
- Remote Support.
- Skilled Nursing (over age 21).
- Specialized Equipment and Supplies.
- Specialized Habilitation.
- Staff and Family Consultation.
- Transportation.
- Wellness Education.