

Community Protection Waiver

Overview

The Community Protection waiver is one of DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration's federal Home and Community-Based Services waivers. It offers residential supports for individuals who are at least 18 years of age and meet the criteria for DDA and the Community Protection Program.

Individuals have been assessed to require 24-hour, on-site staff supervision to ensure the safety of themselves and others. The individual must agree to the Community Protection Individual Support Plan. An individual may request to be enrolled on a waiver or to be enrolled in a different waiver at any time. Enrollment is based on capacity.

Services Include

- Assistive Technology.
- Community Transition.
- Environmental Adaptations.
- Extermination of Bed Bugs.
- Individual or Group Supported Employment.
- Individualized Technical Assistance.
- Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapies (for adults, when not covered under state plan benefits).
- Residential Habilitation.
- Risk Assessment.
- Skilled Nursing (over age 21).
- Specialized Equipment and Supplies.
- Specialized Evaluation and Consultation.
- Stabilization Services-Specialized Habilitation.
- Stabilization Services-Staff and Family Consultation.
- Stabilization Services-Crisis Diversion Bed.
- Staff and Family Consultation.
- Transportation.



Eligibility

DDA clients who:

- Meet Social Security Disability criteria.
- Meet Institutional Level of Care criteria.
- Meet the income and resource standards for Apple Health of Washington. (Client'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.
- Community Protection waiver participants must also meet Community Protection Program criteria in [WAC 388-831-0030](#).

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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>.

Budget

The capacity of the Community Protection waiver is up to 433 individuals. In state FY23, 391 clients were served on the Community Protection waiver at an average cost of \$21,798 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. DDA cannot deny services to people on the waiver due to lack of funding, so waiver costs are carefully monitored.

Oversight

External

- DSHS Residential Care Services Division.
- 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 Provider Compliance and Transition Quality Assurance.



Authority

- Federal funding under section 1915(c) 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.