



Developmental Disabilities Community Services Individual and Family Services Waiver

Overview

The Individual and Family Services waiver is one of DSHS Developmental Disabilities Community Services five federal Home and Community Based Services waivers. This waiver offers services and support to up to 8,000 participants who live at home with a family member.

Services Include

- Assistive Technology
- Community Engagement
- Environmental Adaptations
- Life Skills
- Nurse Delegation
- Peer Mentoring
- Person-Centered Plan Facilitation
- Remote Support
- Respite
- Risk Assessment
- Skilled Nursing
- Specialized Clothing
- Specialized Equipment and Supplies
- Stabilization Services – Life Skills
- Stabilization Services – Staff and Family Consultation
- Stabilization Services – Crisis Diversion Bed
- Staff and Family Consultation
- Supported Parenting
- Therapeutic Adaptation
- Transportation
- Vehicle Modification



Eligibility

Individuals who are:

- Are a client of the Developmental Disabilities Community Services.
- Meet disability criteria established in the Social Security Act.
- Live with their family.
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities level of care criteria.
- Have a DDCCS assessment and Person-Centered Service Plan that describe how the participant's health, safety, and habilitation needs will be met in the community.
- Have agreed to accept home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional services.

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Email questions to DDAFeedback@dshs.wa.gov or [find a local office](#) for telephone numbers.



Oversight

External

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

Internal

- DDCS Office of Program and Policy Development.
- DDCS Office of Quality, Compliance and Training.
- Office of Provider Compliance and Transition Quality Assurance.

Budget

Participants use an annual budget, based on an assessment, to purchase services. Annual budget allocations are:

- \$1,560
- \$2,340
- \$3,120
- \$4,680

Stabilization services are paid for outside of the annual budget allocations. In fiscal year 2024, we served 6,270 clients on the IFS waiver at an average cost of \$126 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.



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

[RCW 71A.18.060](#) Budget Requests for Expenditures

[Chapter 388-845 WAC](#), DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers.

Rates

Waiver services are delivered by many different contracted services providers whose rates are dependent upon the service offered. Service rates can be found at [Developmental Disabilities rates](#).