



**DC MEDICAID – HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
(HCBS) WAIVER FOR PERSONS
WITH MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES (MRDD)**

What is DC Medicaid - Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD)?

The Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver provides residential and community-based options for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The HCBS waiver allows Medicaid eligible individuals to either remain in their own homes or live in a community setting, rather than an institutional setting such as: a hospital, nursing home or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR).

Who is eligible for DC Medicaid – Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Person with Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities (MRDD)?

- The person must have Medicaid or be Medicaid eligible;
- The person must need an ICF/MR level of care. That is, the person must have a level of need which would necessitate the level of services provided in an institution;
- The person must say that they want to live in a community setting;
- The person must demonstrate a need for one or more of the services provided by a HCBS Waiver;
- The person's income and assets must be within the limits specified for the waiver. That is, assets less than \$4,000 if receiving income from sources other than SSI. SSI benefits require assets less than \$2,000;
- Income & Entitlements less than \$1,800 per month; and
- If you work, you may be eligible as long as your assets & income meet the required thresholds.

What are the approved services provided under DC Medicaid – Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Person with Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities (MRDD)?

1) Residential Supports and Family Supports:

Residential Habilitation, Supported Living, Host Home, Live-in Caregiver, In-home Supports, Respite, Personal Care, and One-time Transitional;

2) Day Programs & Vocational Supports:

Supported Employment, Prevocational Habilitation, and Day Habilitation;

3) Professional Services:

Nutrition; Speech; Hearing & Language; Physical therapy; Occupational Therapy; Community Support Team; Behavior Support; Family Training; Skilled Nursing; and Other Professional Services such as: Acupuncture Therapy; Drama Therapy; Art Therapy; Sexuality Education; Message Therapy; Fitness Training; Dance Therapy; and Music Therapy;

4) Assistive Supports:

Personal Emergency Response System; Vehicle Modification; and Environmental Accessibility Adaptation

Who do I contact to receive more information about the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons (MRDD)?

The Department on Disability Services Intake & Eligibility Determination Division at (202) 730-1700.