



Virginia's Medicaid Waiver Redesign

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"We have no special needs children. Just children...with special needs".

-Uwe Maurer

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The **Family & Individual supports (FIS) Waiver** (Formerly the DD Waiver) is for individuals living with their families, friends, or in their own homes. This includes those that need some medical or behavioral needs. This waiver is for both children and adults.

The **Building Independence (BI) Waiver** (Formerly the Day Support Waiver) is for adults 18 years of older that own, lease or control their living arrangements.

The **Community Living (CL) Waiver** (Formerly the ID Waiver) is available to adults and some children. It provides 24/7 services and supports for those with complex medical and/or behavioral needs through the use of licensed services. This includes residential supports as well as medical, behavioral, and non-medical supports.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Meet Virginia's definition of Developmentally Disabled: Your child/individual applying must have a severe, chronic, disability that is likely to continue indefinitely. The disability must be attributable to a condition – other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness and must have manifested before the age of 22. Your child/individual applying must have significant needs in three out of seven areas of life activities including: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or economic self-sufficiency. An individual from birth to age nine, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three or more of the criteria described in clauses (1) through (5) if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life."
2. must meet the functional criteria for the VA Individual Developmental Disability Eligibility Survey (VIDES): [VIDES Adult](#), [VIDES Child](#), [VIDES Infant](#)
3. Must apply for and qualify for [Medicaid](#).
4. Must meet monthly income limit of \$2,199.00

Service & Support Options

- Employment and Day Options – Supported employment services, Day services, Community coaching, etc.
- Self-Directed Options – Personal Assistance, Respite, Companion.
- Residential Options – Independent living supports, shared living, and supported living, in – home supported services, residential or group home.
- Crisis Support
- Medical and Behavioral Support
- Additional Options – Assistive Technology, Transition Services, Environmental modifications.

Service and support options are based on which of the 3 newly redesigned waivers you are applying for. You can view all service and support options at My Life, My Community:

<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/library/developmental%20services/mlmc%20services%20and%20support%20options%202016%20final%206%2030%2016.pdf>

Applying for Developmental Disability Waivers

1. Whether you are applying for the Building Independence (BI) Waiver, the Family & Individual Support (FIS) Waiver or the Community Living (CL) Waiver you will contact your local Community Service Board.
<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/community-services-boards>
2. The waiver assignment is based on the individual need. There are waitlists for the DD Waivers. When placed on the waitlist, your/or your child's situation will be assessed and will result in a Priority Level of 1, 2 or 3.
3. If you/your child are a Priority 1, you will be furthered assessed to create a priority need score. This is based on Critical Needs Summary. This is reviewed and updated each year.
4. When waiver slots are available, individuals with the highest priority needs are considered for a waiver.

For Additional information/Resources

- My Life, My Community: <http://www.mylifemycommunityvirginia.org/>
- Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services:
<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/developmental-disabilities>
- Critical Needs Summary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-qseEd5zaMj3AIO_-PdXyb0OnhJ958mwuPRs2ZLuC00/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs
- Critical Needs Summary Guidance:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k9R9gSvMLDOJV9TFpYAr4f8AmbhiJ4sOb9XvB_x65NA/edit
- Wait List & Slot Assignment Process:
<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/library/developmental%20services/dd%20waiver%20wait%20list%20slot%20assignment%20process%202008-22-16.docx>



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