



ALL ABOUT WAIVERS



Medicaid Waivers

- Medicaid Eligibility
- Waivers “waive” certain Medicaid requirements so individuals can receive DD services in home and community based settings
- Official Louisiana Medicaid Website:
<http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331>

South Central Louisiana



HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY

Helping People, Changing Lives

- Assumption
- Lafourche
- St. Charles
- St. James
- St. John
- St. Mary
- Terrebonne

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

- OCDD
- Single point of entry into developmental disability services system



Entry Process

1. Intake worker determines needs and refers to appropriate resource

- Criteria for OCDD Services
 - must meet the definition of developmental disability as outlined by the MR/DD Law (Act 28:381)

Entry Process cont.

2. Case is assigned and intake worker schedules face to face interview.

- Date of interview is used as “protected date” used for all waiting lists for services

3. Interview assessments are made using:

- Personal and family statements
- Personal outcome questionnaire
- DD-SNAP (Developmental Disabilities Support Needs Assessment)
- ICAP (Inventory for Client and Agency Planning)
- Previous records are requested
- An additional psychological evaluation may be needed

Entry Process cont.

4. Review information and completes Individual Entry Review to determine if person clearly meets criteria OR refers to Entry Review Team
5. Statement of Approval is issued and referral to Priority Committee is made
 - decisions on person's level of need and funding
 - assigns family Support Coordinator if needed
6. People who are ineligible are notified and sent instructions for an appeal.

Waiting List

- All approved applicants are put onto one waiting list for services (10-14 year wait)
- 4 types of waivers:
 - New Opportunities (NOW)
 - Children's Choice (CC)
 - Supports (SW)
 - Residential Options (ROW)

New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)

- 3 years old or older
- Must have Developmental Disability that manifested before age 22
- Must meet the IFC/DD level of care
- Services are based on the needs of the individual and are developed using a person centered, individualized planning process by the support team
- Services DO NOT replace, but instead supplement person's natural supports while promoting dignity, quality of life, independence, and security

Children's Choice Waiver (CC)

- Birth through 18
- Children that age out at 19 roll over into next appropriate waiver
- Offers supplemental support to children with developmental disabilities who currently live at home with their families or a foster family
- Waiver participants are eligible for all medically necessary Medicaid services, including Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) screenings
- Designed for maximum Flexibility.
- Capitated

Supports Waiver (SW)

- 18 years and older
- Must have a developmental disability that manifested before age 22
- Provides options and meaningful opportunities through vocational and community inclusion for individuals who are 18+
- Participants are eligible for all medically necessary Medicaid services

Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

- Designed to support individuals to move from institutional and nursing setting to community-based settings
- Eligibility is rare



Offer to Certification

- Receive offer from Statistical Resources (SRI)
- Physician completes 90-L**
- Return Acceptance back to SRI
- Linked to Support Coordination
- -phone contact
- -welcome letter/packet
- -SIS for NOW
- -Choose provider
- -Plan of Care meeting
- -submit to LGE

Support Coordination

- Develops person centered plans
- Completes necessary tasks to ensure plan approvals
- Completes needed revision to plan of care
- Coordinates community and Medicaid services
- Monitors plan implementation
 - monthly phone calls
 - quarterly home visits
 - observe staff in the home
 - coordinate with service provider agencies
 - provide freedom of choice when needed
 - assist with planning for emergencies
 - enter and monitor critical incidents
 - coordinate team meetings

Choosing a Provider Agency

- Call, Call, Call!
- Person Centered Questions:



Self-Direction

- Benefits: You can set the hourly pay rate for your employee within the guidelines established by the Self Direction program. You can also hire your own employees
- Responsibilities: You must recruit, train, manage, and if necessary, terminate your employees
 - ensure employees complete the pre-required and annual training by the due date established by the fiscal agent
 - schedule workers to meet staffing needs
 - closely follow the schedule set in the CPOC to not exceed the allotted number of IFS hours
 - have an emergency evacuation plan
 - have a back up staffing plan
 - complete all employer related paperwork and duties related to payroll
 - ensure employees are completing progress notes and timesheets

While Waiting

- Flexible Family Funds (birth-18)
 - provides monthly stipends to help with extraordinary costs
- Individual and Family Supports
 - services provided are through contractual agreement with private provider agencies or individualized agreements
 - means of last resort