
ID Waiver

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Agenda

- ID Waiver vs. Habilitation
- Accessing ID Waiver
 - Slots
 - Criteria
- HOME
 - 1/1/2026 Changes
 - Assessments
 - 2027 and beyond

Habilitation Services vs. ID Waiver

- Habilitation Services are part of the state plan, not a Waiver.
 - There is no waiting list.
- Both can be accessed if a member is using a Waiver service that is not available through Hab, such as PERS or transportation.
 - This is more common with BI Waiver due to funding.
- Habilitation Services are an option if a member meets criteria and is on the ID Waiver waiting list.
- Additional information about [Habilitation Services](#) can be found on the HHS website.

ID Waiver Criteria



Have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability as determined by a psychologist or psychiatrist.

Documentation of that diagnosis present prior to age 18.



Be determined eligible for Medicaid (Title XIX).

Additional opportunities to access Medicaid may be available through the waiver program even if the member has previously been determined ineligible.



Be determined by the Iowa Medicaid, Medical Services Unit, to need intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled (ICF/ID) level of care.

Waiting List & Reserved Capacity Slots

Getting an ID Waiver slot

- Waiting List:
 - 7,921
 - Next person to get a slot applied on 2/23/2021
- Reserved Capacity slot:
 - Can apply for a reserved capacity slot if:
 - Currently resides in an ICF/ID, NF or eligible out of state facility (MH, PMIC, QRTP and RCP do not qualify).
 - Has lived there for at least four months, and
 - Chooses the ID waiver program over institutional services.
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HOME: Changes to ID Waiver *as of 1/2026*

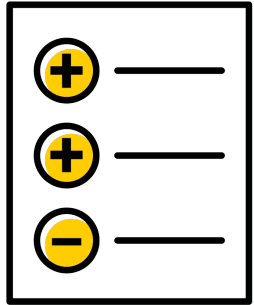
Service definitions streamlined to align across waivers:

- Safety and Wellness as an “area” of the SCL service definition
- CDAC:
 - renamed Attendant Care
- Skilled CDAC:
 - renamed Skilled Attendant Care
- Home Health Aids:
 - Definition updated to explain these are person or direct care services
- Transportation:
 - Travel to and from work or day program is being added to the service definition
- **Independent Support Brokers (ISB):**
 - No longer required for people accessing CCO to have an ISB

Assessment Changes

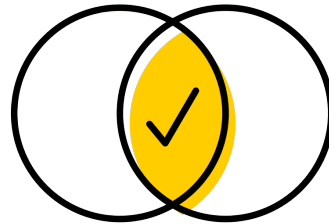
- A new assessment is being used, the InterRAI ID
 - The uniform assessment is a process that looks at a person's unique strengths and needs to measure level of need.
 - It includes a core set of questions that will be asked of all members to consistently and accurately measure level of need and additional questions on each person unique diagnosis and needs.
- Iowa HHS has been using InterRAI assessment tools since 2015 for persons served by six of seven waivers.
- In January 2026, Iowa HHS has implemented the core questions of the uniform assessment with all waiver members using the InterRAI assessment tools.

HOME: Phase 1



Assessment

Implementing last part of full uniform assessment process (utilization of the assessment questionnaire).



Service Package

Aligning service packages with state plan services and adding two new waiver services.



Eligibility

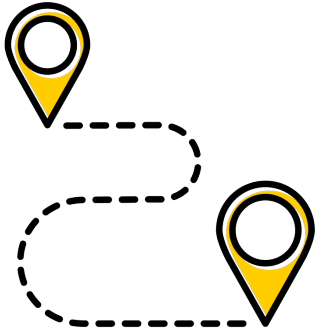
Expanding AD and CY waiver populations to include developmental disability and Autism.



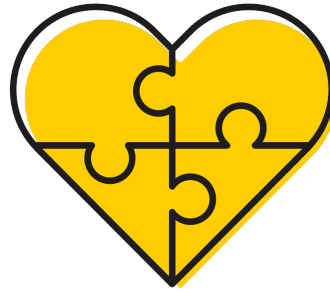
Service Funding

Implementing a monthly funding limit based on level of care

HOME: Phase 2 (2027)



Iowa Medicaid will transition members enrolled on the Intellectual Disability (ID), and Brain Injury (BI) waivers into the HOME waivers.



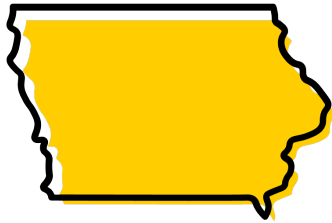
Will add the following onto HOME Waivers:

- Supported Community Living
- Residential Based Supported Community Living
- Day Habilitation, and
- Enabling Technology for Remote Supports



In Phase 2, each member will have a monthly dollar amount for their services called My Service Plan Limit (mySPL), determined by their level of need assessment, the InterRAI.

HOME: Information



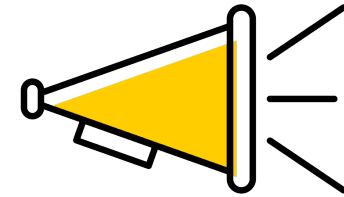
HHS HOME Project

- [Iowa HHS | HOME Project](#)
- [HOME Frequently Asked Questions](#)



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Public Comment

Public Comment period is open for HOME until February 13, 2026.

[Public Comment Information](#)

Thank you

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