

Medicaid Waivers for Child Services

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

State-specific Medicaid waivers can help expand access to services for children with disabilities. Programs and eligibility vary by state, and current information should be verified with your [state Medicaid office](#). For more information about these waiver programs, visit [Kids' Waivers](#).

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- The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1982 allows any state the option to extend Medicaid services to a child with a significant disability.
- States must select to offer the program in the state plan.
- Eligibility:
 - Based on the child's income and resources
 - Does not count or deem parental income
 - The child must have a disability under SSA rules that would require placement in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility

1915 (C) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers

- HCBS waivers offer additional services that help people with disabilities live at home.
- Can be categorized for different disability types, including developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, serious emotional disturbance, and physical disabilities, among others.
- Three levels of care (Hospital, Nursing Facility, or Intermediate Care Facility) dictate the level of services offered based on the designated needs of the person with a disability.

1115 Demonstration Waivers

- States can use these flexible waivers to create state-specific programs or reform the state's Medicaid system. Some states have elected to use these waivers to provide home and community-based services for people with disabilities.

State-Based, 1915(i), 1915(j), and 1915(k) Programs

- There are state-based programs that are similar to the TEFRA option and can expand access to various services. These specialty programs can be identified with other similar state services.
 - 1915(i): Home and community-based services, including respite and home and vehicle modifications
 - 1915(j): Self-directed personal care services
 - 1915(k): Personal assistance and in-home support