



COLORADO

**Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing**

Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)

A waiver is an extra set of Medicaid benefits that you (or your child) could qualify for in certain cases. These benefits can help you remain in your home and community. Waivers have extra program rules and some programs may have waitlists.

The Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (CHCBS) is available for children with significant medical needs and who are at risk for institutional care in an acute hospital or skilled nursing facility.

- Services work with or add to the services that are available to your child through the Colorado Medicaid State plan and other federal, state, and local public programs.
- CHCBS also works with the supports that families and communities provide.
- If your child receives services through the CHCBS waiver, your child is also eligible for all [Colorado Medicaid covered services](#).

[See full text of DRAFT waiver amendments](#)

Who Qualifies?

Your child must meet the following financial and program criteria to access services under this program. To use waiver benefits, your child must also be willing to receive services in your home or community.

Level of Care

- Your child must need long-term support services at a level comparable to services typically provided in a skilled nursing facility and/or an acute hospital.

Eligibility Group

- Your child must not have reached your 18th birthday.
- Your child must have been determined financially eligible for Colorado Medicaid by your local County of Social/Human Services.
- Your child must meet the Social Security Administration (SSA) definition of disability.
- Your child must also receive a denial letter from SSA reporting that your parent's income and/or resources are over the income/resource limit.
- Your child must be at risk for institutionalization at either an acute hospital or skilled nursing facility.
- Your child must have a medical diagnosis as certified by your physician.
- Your child's case manager has to say that you can be safely served in the community.

Financial

- Your child's income must be less than \$2,199.00 per month.
- Your child's countable resources must be less than \$2,000.
- Your income is not considered towards your child's eligibility.

Benefits and Services

- [Case Management services](#)
- [In-Home Support Services](#)

View Waiver Charts

How to Apply

If your child is already enrolled in Medicaid, contact your local [Single Entry Point \(SEP\)](#) to start the waiver application process.

If your child is NOT yet enrolled in Medicaid, you can [apply now](#).

If you have further questions about this program please contact your local [Single Entry Point Agency](#) or the [Medicaid Customer Contact Center](#).