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Medicaid is a health care program for low income Alabamians. Home and Community-Based Waiver services provide additional Medicaid benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits, criteria, and informs you on how to apply for a HCBS waiver. Applicants must meet financial, medical, and program criteria to access waiver services. The applicant also must be at risk of nursing institutionalization (nursing facility, hospital, ICF/IID). A client who receives services through a waiver program also is eligible for all basic Medicaid covered services. Each waiver program has an enrollment limit. There may be a waiting period for any particular waiver. Applicants may apply for more than one waiver, but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. Anyone who is denied Medicaid eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Additional information can be found on the Alabama Medicaid Agency's website: www.medicaid.alabama.gov

Name of Waiver	Elderly & Disabled Waiver (Since 1982)	Intellectual Disabilities Waiver (Since 1981)	Living at Home Waiver (Since 2002)
What is the purpose?	To provide services that would allow elderly and/or disabled individuals to live in the community who would otherwise require nursing facility level of care	To provide service to individuals that would otherwise require the level of care available in an intermediate care facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)	To provide services to individuals who would otherwise require the level of care available in an ICF/IID
What is the target population?	Individuals meeting the Nursing Facility Level of Care	Individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities (ID); Individuals meeting an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)	Individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities (ID); Individuals meeting the Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Level of Care; Persons not residing in a group home setting or environment; Persons currently on the waiting list for ID services
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ▪ Homemaker Services ▪ Personal Care ▪ Adult Day Health (with/without transportation) ▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled) ▪ Adult Companion Services ▪ Home Delivered Meals ▪ Pest Control ▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled) ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Home Modifications ▪ Assistive Technology/Durable Medical Equipment ▪ Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) (Installation/Monthly Monitoring) ▪ Medical Supplies ▪ Supervisory Visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residential Habilitation Training Services ▪ Supported Living Services ▪ Day Habilitation Services– Level 1-4 ▪ Day Habilitation Services with Transportation – Level 1-4 ▪ Community Day Habilitation – Level 1-4 ▪ Community Day Habilitation with Transportation – Level 1-4 ▪ Prevocational Services ▪ Supported Employment Services ▪ Individual Assessment/Discovery ▪ Individual Job Coach ▪ Individual Job Developer ▪ Supported Employment Transportation Services ▪ Employment Small Group 1:2-3, 1:4 ▪ Occupational Therapy Services ▪ Speech and Language Therapy Services ▪ Physical Therapy Services ▪ Positive Behavior Support Services- Level 1-3 ▪ In-Home Respite Care ▪ Out-of-Home Respite Care ▪ Personal Care Services ▪ Personal Care on Worksite Services ▪ Personal Care Transportation Services ▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Services ▪ Assistive Technology ▪ Specialized Medical Supplies Services ▪ Skilled Nursing Services ▪ Companion Services ▪ Crisis Intervention Services ▪ Benefits Counseling Services ▪ Benefits Reporting Assistance Services ▪ Community Experience Services ▪ Housing Stabilization Services ▪ Individual Directed Goods and Services ▪ Personal Emergency Response System Services ▪ Supported Living Service ▪ Remote Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Day Habilitation Services-Level 1-4 ▪ Day-Habilitation Services with Transportation – Level 1-4 ▪ Community Day Habilitation – Level 1-4 ▪ Community Day Habilitation with Transportation – Level 1-4 ▪ Prevocational Services ▪ Supported Employment Services ▪ Individual Assessment/Discovery ▪ Individual Job Coach ▪ Individual Job Developer ▪ Supported Employment Transportation Services ▪ Employment Small Group 1:2-3, 1:4 ▪ Occupational Therapy Services ▪ Speech and Language Therapy Services ▪ Physical Therapy Services ▪ Positive Behavior Support Services - Level 1-3 ▪ In-Home Respite Care ▪ Out-of-Home Respite Care ▪ Personal Care Services ▪ Personal Care on Worksite Services ▪ Personal Care Transportation Services ▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Services ▪ Assistive Technology ▪ Specialized Medical Supplies Services ▪ Skilled Nursing Services ▪ Companion Services ▪ Crisis Intervention Services ▪ Individual Directed Goods and Services ▪ Benefits and Career Counseling ▪ Benefits Counseling Services ▪ Benefits Reporting Assistance Services ▪ Community Experience Services ▪ Housing Stabilization Services ▪ Assistance in Community Integration Services ▪ Personal Emergency Response System Services ▪ Remote Supports
Waiver criteria :	Nursing facility level of care	ICF/IID level of care	ICF/IID level of care
What groups can be eligible for this waiver?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate ▪ Low Income Families with Children ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SSI recipients ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Low Income Families with Children ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI
Enrollment Limit:	15,000	5,260	769
Is there an age requirement?	No age requirement	3 years and older	3 years and older
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Mental Health	Alabama Department. of Mental Health
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Department of Senior Services www.adss.alabama.gov .	Alabama Department of Mental Health www.mh.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Mental Health www.mh.alabama.gov
Who are the contact persons?	Jean Stone 1-800-243-5463	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491
What are the reference sources?	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 36	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 35	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 52

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Name of Waiver	Technology Assisted Waiver for Adults (Since 2003)	Alabama Community Transition (ACT) Waiver (Since 2011)	State of Alabama Independent Living Waiver (Since 1992)
What is the purpose?	To provide services to adults with complex skilled medical conditions who would otherwise require nursing facility level of care	To provide services to individuals with disabilities or long-term illnesses, who live in a nursing facility and who desire to transition to the home or community setting	To provide services to disabled adults with specific medical diagnoses** who meet the nursing facility level of care criteria
What is the target population?	Individuals with complex skilled medical conditions who are ventilator dependent or who has a tracheostomy.	Individuals with disabilities or long-term illnesses currently residing in a nursing facility.	Individuals with specific diagnoses (SEE BELOW)*
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Private Duty Nursing ▪ Personal Care/Attendant Services ▪ Medical Supplies ▪ Assistive Technology ▪ Pest Control <p>Targeted Case Management which includes transitional services (A covered service under Medicaid's State Plan).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ▪ Transitional Assistance ▪ Personal Care ▪ Homemaker Services ▪ Adult Day Health ▪ Home Delivered Meals ▪ Respite Care (Skilled and Unskilled) ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Adult Companion Services ▪ Home Modifications ▪ Assistive Technology ▪ Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) Installation/Monthly Monitoring ▪ Medical Equipment Supplies and Appliances ▪ Personal Assistant Services (PAS) ▪ Pest Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Management ** ▪ Personal Care ▪ Personal Assistance Service ▪ Environmental Accessibility Adaptations ** ▪ Personal Emergency Response System (Initial Setup) ▪ Personal Emergency Response System (Monthly Fee) ▪ Medical Supplies ▪ Minor Assistive Technology ▪ Assistive Technology** ▪ Evaluation for Assistive Technology ▪ Assistive Technology Repairs ▪ Unskilled Respite Care ▪ Pest Control <p>**Includes Transitional Services</p>
Waiver criteria:	Nursing facility level of care	Nursing facility level of care	Nursing facility level of care
What groups can be eligible for this waiver?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Individuals determined to be eligible for transition into the community based upon an assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ Individuals receiving State Supplementation ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate
Enrollment Limit:	Up to 80	675	800
Is there an age requirement?	21 years and older	No age requirement	18 years and older
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Senior Services	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Medicaid Agency www.medicaid.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Senior Services www.adss.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services www.rehab.alabama.gov
Who are the contact persons?	Jessie Burris 1-800-243-5463	Jean Stone 1-800-243-5463	Lisa Alford 1-844-602-7245
What are the reference sources?	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 54	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 44	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 57

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Name of Waiver	Community Waiver Program (Since 2021)
What is the purpose?	The 1115 demonstration titled Community Waiver Program, concurrently with a new 1915(c) waiver, will enable the state to create a new home and community-based services (HCBS) program and expand coverage to beneficiaries who are currently on the waiting list for the Intellectual Disability (ID) and Living at Home (LAH) 1915(c) HCBS waivers. The demonstration will overlay specific waiver authorities over a new 1915(c) waiver and establish an expenditure authority population to allow the state flexibility to operate the new program and expand coverage. This demonstration assists the state in redesigning the HCBS delivery system to address concerns such as long waiting lists, high use of residential services and out-of-home placement.
What is the target population?	Individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities (ID); Individuals meeting an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)
What are the services provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support Coordination ▪ Employment Services ▪ Co-Worker Supports ▪ Personal Assistance – Home ▪ Personal Assistance - Community ▪ Independent Living Skills Training ▪ Community Integration Connections & Skills Training ▪ Community Transportation (Non-Medical) ▪ Positive Behavior Supports ▪ Breaks and Opportunities (Respite) ▪ Family Empowerment/Systems Navigation Counseling Services ▪ Natural Support or Caregiver Education & Training ▪ Peer Specialist Services ▪ Financial Literacy & Work Incentive Benefits Counseling Services ▪ Assistive Technology & Adaptive Aids ▪ Remote Supports ▪ Supported Living Non-Intensive Services ▪ Housing Counseling Services ▪ Housing Start-Up Assistance ▪ Skilled Nursing ▪ Therapies – Occupational, Physical, Speech & Language ▪ Individual Directed Goods and Services ▪ Minor Home Modifications ▪ Community-Based Residential Services
Waiver criteria :	ICF/IID level of care
What groups can be eligible for this waiver?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals receiving SSI ▪ SSI related protected groups deemed to be eligible for SSI / Medicaid ▪ Special HCBS waiver disabled individuals whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI Federal Poverty Level ▪ Low Income Families with Children ▪ Federal or State Adoption Subsidy Individuals
Enrollment Limit:	500
Is there an age requirement?	3 years and older
Who provides Case Management?	Alabama Department. of Mental Health
Where to go to receive information on how to apply?	Alabama Department of Mental Health www.mh.alabama.gov
Who are the contact persons?	DMH / ID Call Center 1-800-361-4491
What are the reference sources?	Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR 440.180 and 441.300 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 43

*Specific medical diagnoses include, but are not limited to: Quadriplegia, Traumatic Brain Injury, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Muscular Dystrophy, Severe Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, and other substantial neurological impairments, severely debilitating diseases, or rare genetic diseases (such as Lesch-Nyhan disease).

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