

# A Comparison of Personal Care and Title XIX Medicaid/DD Waiver

	Medicaid Personal Care	Title XIX Medicaid/DD Waiver
Program Description	<p>Personal Care is a Medicaid funded program based on an individual's medical needs. It assists the individual with services of daily living and instrumental activities. These funded services occur in the home, place of employment, or community. The greater the need, the more services can be provided, up to 210 hours per month. The services are medically oriented and are approved by a physician.</p>	<p>I/DD Medicaid Waiver program is West Virginia's home and community based service program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Medicaid reimburses for services to instruct, train, support, supervise and assist individuals in the home or community.</p>
Program Eligibility	<p>Applicants for Personal Care MUST :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a resident of West Virginia;</li> <li>• Be assessed using a Pre-Admission Screening form to need assistance in areas such as bathing, eating, toileting, grooming, dressing, or mobility; and</li> <li>• Meet Medicaid financial eligibility.</li> </ul> <p>Special Note: If the approved individual is being referred to the Specialized Family Care Program for placement, the individual must be diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability.</p>	<p>Applicants for I/DD Waiver MUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a resident of West Virginia;</li> <li>• Complete the West Virginia I/DD Waiver Application to begin the eligibility screening process;</li> <li>• Have a diagnosis of intellectual and/or developmental disability with assistance needed in at least three of the following areas: self-care, communication, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.</li> <li>• Have a need for instruction, services, assistance, and supervision in order to maintain or increase level of skills;</li> <li>• Meet Medicaid financial eligibility;</li> <li>• Have chosen Home and Community Based Services over institutional services</li> </ul>
Permanency Options Funding Considerations	<p>Parents of a minor child (under age 18) cannot receive reimbursement or pay from Medicaid for the care they provide to their child. This includes adoptive parents. Therefore, foster parents or Specialized Family Care home providers wishing to adopt a child with Medicaid Personal Care funding will <u>not</u> be permitted to continue Medicaid billing once the child is adopted. However, legal guardianship and legal petition for a minor's name change is an option to keep the child in the home, make them a legal/formal part of the family, but still continue to receive funding. This is an important consideration as many parents of children with high personal care needs are unable to work outside of the home. Parents find it difficult to pursue employment outside the home because of the time that is devoted to caring for their child.</p>	<p>A foster parent or Specialized Family Care home provider is able to become adoptive parents to a minor child under Title XIX Medicaid I/DD Waiver and still receive Medicaid reimbursement for the services provided to the child.</p> <p>Children in foster care or Adult Family Care who are eligible for a Title XIX approved waiver funding must transfer from their foster home or Adult Family Care home to a Specialized Family Care Home or have their foster home or Adult Family Care home converted into a Specialized Family Care Home.</p>
Provided Services	<p>Personal care services are medically necessary activities or tasks that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are prescribed by a doctor; and</li> <li>• Must have prior authorization from the Bureau of Medical Services; and</li> <li>• Are necessary for the long term health and safety of the individual; and</li> <li>• Require a nursing plan of care that is developed and monitored by a Registered Nurse.</li> </ul> <p>Direct personal care services are provided by individuals or families who meet the basic Specialized Family Care Program requirements.</p>	<p>Home and community-based services program for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are:</p> <p>Behavior Support Professional; Crisis Services; Dietary Therapy; Environmental Accessibility Adaptation; Facility Based Day Habilitation; Occupational Therapy; Person-Centered Support; Physical Therapy; Respite; Service Coordination; Skilled Nursing; Speech Therapy; Supported Employment; Therapeutic Consultant; Transportation</p> <p>Specialized Family Care falls under the auspices of Person-Centered Support within the Title XIX Medicaid I/DD Waiver Program.</p>



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