

What is New Mexico's Supports Waiver?

New Mexico's new Supports Waiver (SW) is a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver that is designed to provide an option for support to individuals who are on the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Wait List waiting for an allocation to the DD/Mi Via Waivers.

Supports Waiver services are intended to complement unpaid supports that are provided to individuals by family and others.

When does the Supports Waiver start?

The Supports Waiver is scheduled to start July 1, 2020 and is currently pending federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Who is the Supports Waiver for?

Individuals who are on the DD Waiver Wait List will receive a letter of interest (offer) from DDS for the Supports Waiver. The number of offers to the Supports Waiver are based on legislative funding.

Individuals will keep their place on the DD Waiver Wait List, for the DD Waiver or the Mi Via Waiver, while they access the Supports Waiver.

Please note: Children in pend status are not on the DD Waiver Wait List and therefore will not be offered the Supports Waiver.

What does the New Mexico Supports Waiver Offer?

There are ten Supports Waiver Services to mix and match within the annual \$10,000 budget per participant:

- ✓ Assistive Technology
- ✓ Behavior Support Consultation
- ✓ Customized Community Supports – Group
- ✓ Customized Community Supports – Individual
- ✓ Employment Supports
- ✓ Environmental Modifications
- ✓ Homemaker / Personal Care
- ✓ Non-Medical Transportation
- ✓ Respite
- ✓ Vehicle Modifications

How will I access Support Waiver Services?

When an individual chooses the Supports Waiver, he/she will select a Community Supports Coordinator (CSC) who will educate, guide, assist and monitor their participation and services in the waiver. The CSC will assist the participant in selecting agency based services or participant/self-directed services. The CSC is not paid out of the \$10,000 annual budget.

When selecting the agency-based track the CSC helps the participant choose the agencies that will provide the services.

When selecting the participant/self-directed track, the participant or the Employer of Record will be responsible for hiring and directing employees and vendors and completing administrative duties.

What are examples of the responsibilities of a Supports Waiver Participant?

- ✓ Ongoing planning, education and progress meetings with a Community Supports Coordinator
- ✓ Returning required documents on time
- ✓ Coordinating Supports Waiver services with other services
- ✓ Obtaining medical and financial eligibility every year

If I am on the Supports Waiver, will I have a Centennial Care Managed Care Organization (MCO)?

Yes, individuals with the Supports Waiver will choose an MCO. There are three (3) MCOs you can choose from: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Presbyterian, or Western Sky. Your MCO covers your health care services (such as doctor visits, behavioral health, vision, dental, medical transportation and medications). Once you are assigned to an MCO, contact your MCO to be assigned a Care Coordinator who can help you with your healthcare services.

Please visit https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/Native_Americans.aspx for information on MCO enrollment provisions for Native Americans.