



Long Term Care Division

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Technology Assisted (TA) Waiver for Adults



Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waivers

- In 1981, Congress authorized the waiver of certain federal requirements to enable a state to provide home and community based services (other than room and board) to individuals who would otherwise require SNF, ICF, or ICF/MR services reimbursable by Medicaid.



HCBS Waivers

- The waiver programs are called 1915(c) waivers, named after the section of the Social Security Act that authorized them.
- Under 1915(c) waiver authority, states can provide services not usually covered by the Medicaid program, as long as these services are required to keep a person from being institutionalized.

HCBS Waivers

- Under HCBS Waiver programs, both the comparability and state wideness requirements may be waived to enable states to target distinct groups of recipients.



- HCBS Waiver Services can be provided only as a vehicle to provide an alternative to institutional care.

HCBS Waivers

- Initial waivers are approved for three (3) years and renewed every five (5) years thereafter.



Target Group for Technology Assisted Waiver

- The TA Waiver provides services for adults who are 21 years of age or older with complex skilled medical conditions who are ventilator-dependent or who have a tracheostomy.
- The TA Waiver is a community-based alternative for these adults who would otherwise require the nursing facility level of care.



Covered Services



Private Duty
Nursing

Targeted Case
Management
*(TCM)



Medical
Supplies



Personal Care/Attendant
Services



Assistive Technology

*TCM for the Technology Assisted Waiver is under
the Medicaid State Plan

Administering State Agency



- **The Alabama Medicaid Agency has administrative authority over the Technology Assisted (TA) Waiver for Adults.**

Operating Agency

- The Alabama Medicaid Agency is charged with the responsibility of operating the Technology Assisted Waiver.



Case Management

- The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the Case Management Agency for the Technology Assisted Waiver for Adults.

Age Requirement

- Individuals 21 years of age and older

Financial Eligibility Criteria

- Individuals receiving SSI and/or State supplementation
- Categorically needy groups whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate



What are waiver "slots"?

- Each waiver program is allotted a certain number of "slots" to be filled by clients approved to receive waiver services within a waiver year.



Distribution of Slots

- Waiver slot distribution will be determined by the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Approved Waiver Slots

- The maximum number of slots for the Technology Assisted Waiver is 40.

Types of waiver slots

- An active waiver slot is one in which a person is actively receiving waiver services and is not in a nursing facility.
- A pending waiver slot is one that is pending approval for a person to receive waiver services.

Types of waiver slots

- A filled waiver slot is one which has a person currently receiving waiver services or who has been receiving waiver services, but had subsequent placement in a nursing facility has moved or has requested termination from the waiver during the waiver year.

More about waiver slots

- A filled slot cannot be refilled by another individual within the same waiver year that the vacancy occurred, however, the same individual who previously left the slot may fill the slot.

When can a waiver slot be refilled?

- Although a waiver slot cannot be refilled within the same waiver year, available slots may be refilled in subsequent waiver years.

Transfer of Waiver Slots

- If a client transfers from one waiver to another within the same waiver year, the slot is considered filled and therefore may not be refilled by a different individual.

Medical Supplies

- Medical supplies and appliances includes devices, controls or appliances specified in the Plan of Care, not presently covered under the State Plan, which enables the individual to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living, or to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live.
- Waiver Medical supplies and appliances do not include over-the-counter personal items such as toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, cotton swabs, Q-tips, etc.



Request for Medical Supplies

- All Waiver medical supplies and appliances must be prescribed by a physician, be medically necessary and be specified in the Plan of Care.

Assistive Technology

- Assistive technology includes devices, equipment or products that are modified, customized and are used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities as specified in the Plan of Care.
- It also includes any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive technology device. Such services may include acquisition, selection, design, fitting, customizing, adaption, application, etc.

Additional Information

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