

There are no changes to Supported Community Living (SCL) services for the people on the Intellectual Disability (ID) and the Brain Injury (BI) waiver. The ID Waiver 15-minute yearly limit will remain at 20,440 units. The purpose of this document is to summarize existing state policy as outlined in Iowa's existing waiver agreement with the federal government.

What is SCL?

Supported Community Living (SCL) services help individuals enrolled in the ID and BI Waivers live as independently as possible in their communities. Services are based on each person's needs and outlined in their Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP).

SCL must focus on building skills in personal management, health, safety, wellness, socialization and communication. The PCSP must identify individual goals and outline the scope of services and supports (paid and unpaid) to meet the member's needs.

Available service components of Iowa ID and BI Waiver SCL include:*

- Personal and home skills training
- Personal advocacy
- Community skills training
- Personal and environmental support
- Transportation
- Treatment services

SCL Service Delivery

SCL services can be billed in two ways, depending on the level of support a person needs:

Daily Units are used when services are provided for eight or more hours in a single day.

15-Minute Units are used when services are needed for shorter periods of time during a day, offering more flexibility in scheduling.

(Daily SCL services and 15-minute SCL services cannot be billed on the same day).

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*Application for 1915(c) HCBS ID Waiver: IA.0242.R07.02 - Jan 01, 2026 (as of Jan 01, 2026) found here: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/17834/download?inline>

Documentation Requirements

Medicaid cannot pay for the two services at the same time. When someone receives Daily SCL (8+ hours per day), they cannot also receive Home Health Aide services.

Documentation must:

- Reflect the goals in the Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP)
- Describe the services and supports provided
- Show how the member responded to the interventions
- Include progress or status updates

SCL services cannot be billed at the same time as:

- Respite
- Nursing
- Home health aide
- Other residential services

Yearly Limits

Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver

Daily Units

- Up to 365 days per year
- Tier-based reimbursement for SCL agency services
 - Based on the member's interRAI-ID acuity score
- Self-direction available through Consumer Choices Option (CCO) Fee Schedule rate

15-Minute Units

- Up to 20,440 units per year
- Reimbursement based on the SCL agency's cost-reported rate
- Self-direction available through Consumer Choices Option (CCO) Fee Schedule rate

Brain Injury (BI) Waiver

Daily Units

- Up to 365 days per year
- Reimbursement based on the SCL agency's cost-reported rate
- Self-direction available through Consumer Choices Option (CCO) Fee Schedule rate

15-Minute Units

- Up to 11,315 units per year
- Reimbursement based on the SCL agency's cost-reported rate
- Self-direction available through Consumer Choices Option (CCO) Fee Schedule rate

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