

Acronyms and Definitions

Hope and Opportunity in Many Environments (HOME) Project

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Adults with Disabilities Waiver (AD):

A Medicaid waiver program that provides home and community-based services for adults with disabilities who would otherwise may require care from institutions.

AIDS/HIV Waiver (HIV):

A Medicaid waiver that supports people living with HIV/AIDS through in-home and community-based services.

Attendant Care (AC):

Assistance with daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and mobility support.

Brain Injury Waiver (BI):

A Medicaid waiver program offering services and supports for people with brain injuries to help them remain in their homes and communities.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

The federal agency that oversees Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and related healthcare programs.

Children and Youth Waiver (CY):

A waiver program that provides services and supports for children and youth with significant medical or behavioral health needs.

Children’s Mental Health Waiver (CMH):

A Medicaid waiver designed to provide intensive mental health services and supports for children with serious emotional disturbances.

Community-Based Services (CBS):

Programs designed to help individuals live independently and participate fully in their communities, often provided in homes or local community settings.

Consumer Choice Option (CCO):

A service delivery option allowing members greater control over selecting and managing their care providers and supports.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT):

A Medicaid benefit that provides comprehensive preventive healthcare services for children and adolescents under age 21.

Elderly Waiver (E):

A Medicaid waiver program that helps older adults receive long-term services and supports in their homes or communities instead of nursing facilities.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

A list of common questions and answers related to a program, service, or topic.

Health and Disability Waiver (HD):

A Medicaid waiver that supports individuals with disabilities or complex health needs through home and community-based services.

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS):

Services that provide medical, social, and supportive care for Iowans with physical, cognitive, or mental health needs. These services help people live and receive care in their homes or communities rather than in institutions.

Home Health Aide (HHA):

A trained worker who assists individuals with personal care and basic health-related services in the home.

Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver:

A Medicaid waiver program providing supports and services for people with intellectual disabilities to live and participate in the community.

Intensive Residential Services (IRS):

Services that provide 24/7 community-based care, supervision, behavioral health treatment, and supportive services for adults with severe mental illness and complex needs who live in specialized residential homes.

Interim Medical Monitoring and Treatment (IMMT):

Short-term medical oversight and treatment services provided to address immediate healthcare needs.

InterRAI:

A standardized assessment system used to evaluate a person's health, functional abilities, and service needs.

Level of Care (LOC):

A determination of the type and intensity of services a person needs based on medical or functional needs.

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS):

A range of medical, personal, and social services that help individuals with chronic conditions or disabilities perform daily activities over time.

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs):

A healthcare organization that coordinate and manage healthcare services for Medicaid members under a contracted payment model.

My Service Plan Limit (mySPL):

A system or tool used to track and manage authorized service limits within a member's care plan.

Nursing Facility (NF):

A licensed residential healthcare facility that provides skilled nursing care and assistance with daily living activities.

Pediatric Home Care (PEDS-HC):

In-home healthcare services designed specifically for children with medical or developmental needs.

Personal Care Services (PCS):

Non-medical assistance with activities of daily living such as grooming, dressing, eating, and mobility.

Personal Emergency Response System (PERS):

An electronic alert system that allows individuals to call for emergency assistance from home.

Physical Disability (PD) Waiver:

A Medicaid waiver program providing services and supports for people with physical disabilities to live independently in the community.

Private Duty Nursing (PDN):

Skilled nursing services provided to a person on an extended or continuous basis in a home or community setting.

Quality Improvement (QI):

Ongoing efforts to evaluate and improve the effectiveness, safety, and outcomes of healthcare services and programs.

Respite Services:

Temporary care provided to individuals so that primary caregivers can take a short-term break from caregiving responsibilities.

Supported Living Community (SCL):

Services that are provided within the member's home and community, according to the individualized member need as identified in the member's service plan. The services are intended to develop, increase and maintain independent living-skills.

Waiver Priority Needs Assessment (WPNA):

An assessment process used to determine an individual's level of need and priority for waiver services.