

This fact sheet is reviewed with individuals/legal guardians when the CCP is requested to ensure all options are explored and CCP requirements, expectations, and limitations are understood.

The Community Care Program (CCP)

The CCP is a Medicaid waiver program that provides services to DDD eligible individuals who live in their own home or apartment, with family, or in a licensed residential setting. An equal combination of state and federal funds cover approved services that assist individuals to live in the community and avoid institutionalization.

Medicaid prohibits enrollment in more than one waiver program at a time. Therefore, an individual enrolled in the CCP cannot also be enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program, including the Supports Program (SP) and Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS).

Community Care Program (CCP) Eligibility Criteria

- Must be determined eligible for DDD services.
- Must establish and maintain Medicaid / CCP financial eligibility.
- Must have been reached on the CCP Waiting List, **or** determined by DDD to be in need of emergency CCP services due to homelessness or imminent peril, which cannot be resolved through the SP budget.
- Must be determined in need of ongoing CCP services.
- Must meet the Level of Care (LOC) for Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID). (*Defined below.*)

Notes

- An individual whose needs are being met through another waiver program, such as the SP, may not be eligible for the CCP.
- Being in need of housing does not automatically make an individual eligible for the CCP.
- An individual who requests CCP enrollment and is denied has the right to a Medicaid fair hearing.

ICF/ID Level of Care (LOC)

Level of Care (LOC) refers to the assessed level of assistance an individual requires to meet health and safety needs and accomplish activities of daily living. To meet LOC criteria for the CCP, an individual must have substantial limitations in at least three functional areas, one of which must be self-care, and must meet all of the following:

- Have a diagnosis of developmental disability or a condition related to having a developmental disability.
- Be in need of continuous, active treatment related to the developmental disability.
- Require a 24-hour plan of care related to the developmental disability.
- Require intensive and consistent training due to an inability to apply skills learned in one environment to a new environment.
- The individual would require institutionalization, if not for services through the CCP.
- The individual cannot be safely supported in the SP.

Community Care Program (CCP) Enrollment

DDD will only evaluate a person's eligibility for the CCP in the following two circumstances:

1. **The person is reached on the Community Care Program Waiting List**

An individual may be added to the CCP after being reached on the Waiting List for CCP Services and meeting LOC requirements.

- An individual/legal guardian may request to be added to the CCP Waiting List by completing the [Community Care Program Waiting List Request](#). The Support Coordinator can help with this request. This may be done while receiving services through the SP.
- Individuals in the priority category of the CCP Waiting List receive an annual letter notifying them of their status on the waiting list.

2. The person is in imminent peril (health/safety at risk) or at imminent risk of homelessness

DDD can determine an individual meets LOC criteria and is in need of emergency CCP services for reasons of immediate homelessness or imminent peril that cannot be resolved through the SP.

- **Homelessness:** An individual has no place to live, or the current living arrangement will end on a date certain within 30 days, and they have no other living arrangements after that date.
- **Imminent peril:** A situation which can reasonably be expected to cause serious risk to the health, safety or welfare of the individual or another person in the living arrangement. Imminent peril does not exist if supports can be added to the living arrangement which eliminate the serious risk.

How to request consideration for emergency access to CCP:

- The individual/legal guardian contacts their Support Coordinator (SC) and makes them aware of their circumstances and interest in being added to the CCP.
- The SC and the SC Supervisor complete an [Intensive Case Management \(ICM\) Referral](#).
- Due to the eligibility and enrollment criteria of the CCP, it is important for the ICM Referral to include detailed information. The DDD Care Management Team may request additional information about the circumstances and/or provide guidance to the Support Coordinator about alternate ways to meet support needs.
- The DDD Intensive Case Management (ICM) Unit may schedule an in-person visit to gather additional information and offer guidance about next steps.

Note: If approved for immediate placement planning through the CCP, geographic preference will be considered but cannot be guaranteed. After housing, health and safety have been secured, the individual/legal guardian will have the option to request a transfer based on location preference.

Alternate Housing and Service Options

Options for individuals who want to live more independently but do not require 24/7 support include:

- A housing subsidy through the Supportive Housing Connection, combined with services available through the SP budget.
- A boarding home, which typically provides food, shelter, monitoring of self-administered medication, and assistance with financial management.
- A residential healthcare facility, which typically provides meals, housekeeping/laundry services, assistance with financial management, supervision of medication, and provision and oversight of personal and support services under the direction of a nurse.

For More Information

- DDD [Housing Assistance](#) webpage, which includes housing subsidy information
- DDD eligibility criteria, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:46, [Division Circular 3](#)
- DDD [CCP Waiting List](#) webpage, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:46C
- Residential placement and emergency criteria pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:46B, [Division Circular 12](#)
- Medicaid fair hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:49, [Division Circular 37](#)
 - A complete list of CCP services is available in the [CCP Policies and Procedures Manual](#)