



The Community Care Waiver (CCW)

The Community Care Waiver (CCW) is a New Jersey program for individuals with developmental disabilities. It pays for the services and supports an individual needs in order to live in the community. An individual's "need" for services is determined through an assessment; individuals enrolled on the waiver have an entitlement to receive services that will meet their assessed needs. The CCW is funded by the state, with assistance from the federal government's Medicaid program. It has been in effect since 1982.

Purpose: To provide a wide array of services for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities who otherwise would require institutional care in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded/Developmentally Disabled (ICF/MR) i.e. developmental center.

Eligibility: To enroll on the CCW, individuals must:

- meet DDD eligibility threshold
- meet DDD criteria for Title XIX ICF/MR Level of Care
- meet income and asset threshold for New Jersey Medicaid Waiver
- be reached chronologically on the waiting list for waiver services or be declared in an emergency situation by DDD and a CCW slot is available

Services:

1. All Medically Necessary State Plan Medicaid services
2. Waiver specific services that may include:

- Case Management
- Individual Supports (in a residential facility or in own home)
- Day Habilitation Services
- Respite Care
- Supported Employment Services
- Transition Services
- Support Coordination for individuals who Self-Direct
- Assistive Technology Devices
- Environmental and Vehicle Adaptations
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Transportation Services

Enrollment: The number of individuals who can enroll on the CCW is finite, based on state resources. As of July 1, 2010, 10,073 individuals were enrolled. DDD maintains a waiting list for individuals interested in enrolling on the CCW.