



Community Care Program: Frequently Asked Questions

Please Note: All individuals receiving DDD services must have active and current Medicaid

What is the Community Care Program?

The Community Care Program (CCP) enables New Jersey to receive a federal match when state funds are used to provide approved services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries live in the community and avoid institutionalization.

The CCP provides needed services for adult individuals age 21 and older living with their family or in various other unlicensed settings, or in licensed residential settings.

Individuals enrolled in the CCP cannot be simultaneously enrolled in another Home and Community Based Services waiver program—such as Managed Long Term Services and Supports or the DDD Supports Program.

A complete list of CCP services is available here: www.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services.

What are the eligibility requirements of the CCP?

- Individual must be determined eligible for DDD services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:46; and
- Individual must meet Medicaid/CCP financial eligibility; and
- Individual must have:
 - Reached the top of the CCP Waiting List pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:46C; or
 - Been declared an Emergency (risk of imminent peril or homelessness) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:46B;
- Individual must be determined in need of ongoing CCP services, whereby their needs cannot be supported on the Supports Program; and
- Individual must meet ICF/ID Level of Care (LOC).

Please Note:

- Individuals who do not meet the above criteria will be denied access to CCP services.
- Individuals who are not demonstrating an ongoing need for support, through access of services through the Supports Program, may be denied access to CCP services.
- Housing is not a CCP Medicaid service.
- Individuals who are denied access to CCP services have a right to a Medicaid fair hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:49.

What is ICF/ID Level of Care ?

Per the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services , *“Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID) is an optional Medicaid benefit that enables states to provide comprehensive and individualized health care and rehabilitation services to individuals to promote their functional status and independence.”* To meet the requirements for ICF/ID level of care, an individual must have substantial functional limitations in at least three activities of adult living, one of which is self-care, and must meet all of the following:

- Have a diagnosis of developmental disability or a related condition;
- Be in need of continuous active treatment related to the diagnosis of his/her developmental disability;
- Require a 24-hour plan of care related to his/her developmental disability;
- Require aggressive and consistent training due to an inability to apply skills learned in one environment to a new environment;
- But for the waiver service(s), the individual would require institutionalization; and
- Cannot be supported on the Supports Program.

What if my situation is not urgent but I am interested in CCP services for the future?

You can request to be added to the CCP Waiting List by completing the Request for Community Care Waiver Waiting List form. The form and additional information about the waiting list is available here: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/ccw/ccwwl.html. Your support coordinator can help you be added to the list.

What if my situation is urgent?

DDD’s Intensive Case Management Unit will evaluate requests for emergency access to CCP services. If you feel your situation is urgent, contact your support coordinator. Your support coordinator will complete a Request for Intensive Case Management form with you, and will also ask you to put your request for emergency access to CCP services in writing. Once completed, your support coordinator will upload the form and letter to your electronic file. A DDD Monitor will review the request to see if they can help your support coordinator identify additional supports or services. If all services and supports are in place and may not be meeting your needs, staff from the Unit may make a home visit to discuss your urgent circumstance. The Unit will advise you and your support coordinator on next steps.

Will I be able to receive DDD services while I am on the CCP Waiting List?

Yes. Anyone who has been determined eligible for DDD and is Medicaid eligible can enroll into the Supports Program and receive services. You can remain on the CCP Waiting List while receiving services in the Supports Program.

How will I know my number on the CCP Waiting List?

Letters are mailed out every year to all individuals who are in the priority category of the CCP Waiting List to notify them of their number on the list.

I am on the CCP Waiting List but my name hasn't been reached. What happens if my circumstances change?

If your circumstances change, contact your support coordinator to discuss

- additional services that may be available through your Supports Program budget;
- supports that may be available from family or friends, or through your insurance or other sources; and/or
- the possibility of requesting an NJCAT reassessment.

If the matter is urgent, your support coordinator and his/her supervisor will help determine if you should request emergency access to CCP services.

I want to live more independently but do not need 24/7 support. What are my options for housing and services?

There are a number of housing and service options for individuals who want to live more independently but do not need 24/7 support, including:

- Housing Voucher – this is a rental subsidy you can apply for that is available through DDD and the Supportive Housing Connection. You will need to work with your support coordinator to make sure your budget can fund the services you need within the desired rental unit.
Information about housing vouchers is available here:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/resources/community
- Sheltered Boarding Home – this is a facility that provides food, shelter, monitoring of self-administered medication, and financial management.
- Residential Healthcare Facility – this is a facility that provides meals, housekeeping/laundry, financial management, supervision of medication, and provision and oversight of personal and support services under the direction of a nurse.

**More information about the Community Care Program is available here:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/services/ccw/index.html**