

## Important Initials to Know

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### AD

Aged and Disabled

### DDD

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

*This is the DHHS division administering the AD Waiver.*

### HCBS

Home and Community-Based Services

### NF-LOC

Nursing Facility Level of Care

### SC

Service Coordination

## Helpful Contacts for Eligibility and Services

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Call DDD toll-free  
(877) 667-6266

### AD Waiver Application and Eligibility for Services

For questions about your AD Waiver application or eligibility:

[DHHS.HCBSWaiverApp@Nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.HCBSWaiverApp@Nebraska.gov)

### General Questions for Home and Community-Based Services

For any other questions about Community-Based Services:

[DHHS.DDDCommunityBasedServices@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.DDDCommunityBasedServices@nebraska.gov)

DDD will provide contact information for the participant's chosen Service Coordination office after Nursing Facility Level of Care determination.

### DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities

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# Aged and Disabled (AD) Waiver

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# Services and Eligibility

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## What is the Aged and Disabled (AD) Waiver?

Medicaid HCBS waivers allow federal Medicaid and state funds, which would otherwise be used to provide services in institutional settings, to be used for home and community-based services. A person must have Medicaid to receive waiver services.

The AD Waiver is for adults ages 65 years and older and people ages birth to 64 who have disabilities. It provides services in the community related to the participant's needs. The following services may be available:

- Adult Day Health
- Assisted Living
- Assistive Technology
- Chore
- Companion
- Extra Care for Children with Disabilities
- Home Again
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Independence Skills Building
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Personal Care
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Respite

Work with your Service Coordinator to see which services you qualify to receive.

## Other Benefits and Services

All applicants eligible for the AD Waiver must **apply for and accept** any federal Medicaid benefits for which they may be eligible **and** benefits from other funding sources within DHHS and other agencies, to the maximum extent possible. Services normally covered under Medicaid, or other programs, would be used before waiver services.

## Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for AD Waiver services, a person must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America or a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and be lawfully present in the United States;
- Be a resident of the State of Nebraska;
- Be eligible for Nebraska Medicaid;
- Have a disability or be over the age of 65;
- Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care (as outlined in 471 NAC 12); and
- Have a need for waiver services.

A person must choose to receive Medicaid HCBS Waiver services instead of living in an institutional setting.

## What is Nursing Facility Level of Care?

Aged and Disabled Level of Care (NF-LOC) is based on the level of care needed to live in a nursing facility. The Level of Care assessment tool depends on the applicant's age.

NF-LOC for **adults** (ages 18 and older) includes needs in activities of daily living, risk factors, medical treatment, cognition factors.

NF-LOC for **children** includes medical conditions and treatments, activities of daily living, and other considerations.

- NF-LOC for Children age birth to 47 months is assessed based on needs related to a minimum of one defined medical condition or treatment in 471 NAC 43.
- Children age four to 17 years are assessed with the applicable standard assessment tool to determine nursing facility level of care criteria for their specific age.

## How to Apply

Submit an application to DDD for eligibility to be determined. The application is at <http://public-dhhs.ne.gov/Forms/DisplayPDF.aspx?item=3443>.

Just fill out the application to be determined eligible for all HCBS waiver.

You can complete, print, sign, and mail to:  
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Lincoln, NE 68509-8947

Or email to:  
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You can call DDD toll-free at (877) 667-6266 if you have questions or would like an application be mailed to you.

You can also go to any DHHS office and ask for assistance.

## Service Coordination

Service Coordination is provided to all participants of the AD Waiver.

Your Service Coordinator (SC) provides case management to coordinate and oversee your services.

Your Service Coordination provider is determined by your age:

- Birth to age three: Early Development Network
- Ages three through 17: DHHS Local Offices
- Ages 18 and older: Area Agencies on Aging or League of Human Dignity