

Funding Priorities in Law

[Nebraska Revised State Statute 83-1216](#) addresses priority funding for people who have been determined eligible.

The priorities for receiving funding for DD services on Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers are:

- 1) To respond to the needs of **persons in immediate crisis** due to caregiver death, homelessness or a threat to the life and safety of the person;
- 2) To respond to the needs of **persons that have resided in an institutional setting** for a period of at least twelve consecutive months and are requesting community-based services;
- 3) To respond to the needs of **persons who are wards of the Department or persons placed under the supervision of the Office of Probation Administration** by the Nebraska court system who are transitioning upon age nineteen with no other alternatives, as determined by the Department, to support residential services necessary to pursue economic self-sufficiency;
- 4) To respond to the needs of **persons transitioning from the education system upon attaining twenty-one years of age** to maintain skills and receive the day services necessary to pursue economic self-sufficiency;
- 5) Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to respond to the needs of **persons who are dependents of a member of the armed forces of the United States** who is a legal resident of this state due to the service member's military assignment in Nebraska; and
- 6) To respond to the needs of **all other persons by date of application.**

Important Initials to Know

DD
Developmental Disabilities

DHHS-DD
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

HCBS
Home and Community-Based Services

SC
Service Coordinator

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Developmental Disabilities Services

Funding to Transition from Educational Services to Medicaid HCBS Developmental Disabilities Day Waiver Services

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DHHS-DD administers the Medicaid HCBS developmental disabilities waiver programs.

What does Nebraska Revised State Statute 83-1216 mean for a graduate?

A 21-year-old graduate is offered funding under the fourth funding priority to transition from the educational system. This priority is to maintain skills and receive day services to pursue economic self-sufficiency. Funding is for day services through the Developmental Disabilities Adult Day Waiver.

A 21-year-old graduate may not automatically receive funding when there is someone with a higher priority need.

However, based on historical data, the state has reserved funding for enough waiver slots (200 per year) to continue serving all new graduates under the fourth funding priority.

Service Coordinators

A Service Coordinator provides targeted case management and is available for all eligible persons.

The Service Coordinator can help access other benefits and services. The Service Coordinator can attend Individual Educational Program (IEP) meetings with the school when invited by a guardian.

The Service Coordinator, school system and Vocational Rehabilitation work for a smooth transition to adult services.

Funding Offers for Day Services to Graduates



The Wait List

An eligible person must meet requirements to be on the wait list:

- Level of care assessment shows need level consistent with Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) and
- Receiving Medicaid (or a child who would be eligible not for parental income).

People on the wait list are waiting for available funding under a priority. Sixth priority offers are made based on date of application.

The list of eligible persons turning 21 years old is generated based on the wait list. A person accepting day services may remain on the wait list for residential services through the Medicaid HCBS Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Waiver.

A person who declines a waiver spot when residential services are offered will be taken off the wait list and will need to reapply if he/she wants developmental disabilities services in the future.

Other Benefits and Services

Any person who is eligible for developmental disabilities 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.

This includes the Department of Education. Specifically, it includes Vocational Rehabilitation Services.