

# Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Services Overview

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Medicaid offers a variety of services for children ages birth to 18 that are designed to support a child's changing needs through their development. Children who are Medicaid eligible and have a developmental disability may qualify to receive home and community-based services (HCBS) through the Children's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Services Program.

The Children's DD Services Program offers benefits for children, based on the individual needs of the child, which include intervention, support, and collaboration services. The system emphasizes evidence-based treatment methods, community integration, and family empowerment.

Families may access Medicaid services through two different pathways, the Traditional Model and Family-Directed Services Model. Refer to the "Medicaid DD Services Definitions and Provider Qualifications" section of this e-Manual for additional information.

## How Does Infant Toddler Program Coordinate with Medicaid DD Services?

The Infant Toddler Program is responsible for ensuring families are aware of Medicaid developmental disability (DD) services, understand what services are available in addition to Part C early intervention, and know how to apply for Medicaid DD services.

While the Infant Toddler Program (ITP) delivers services similar to Medicaid, the ITP is not a provider of Medicaid DD services. It is ITP's responsibility to provide Part C early intervention services, as well as link families with other beneficial programs. The Medicaid DD program is another way families can receive needed supports, such as respite and habilitation, which are outside the scope of ITP.

The definition and provider qualifications for Medicaid DD services are described in the "Medicaid DD Service Definitions and Provider Qualifications" section of the e-Manual. The "DD Services Family Packet" is also a helpful resource to share with families.

In addition to the ITP e-Manual, the following websites are important resources for DD services:

- Medicaid Children's DD Website: [www.childrenddservices.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.childrenddservices.dhw.idaho.gov)
- Medicaid Family-Directed Services Website: [www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov)

## Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Services Definitions

**Developmental Disability (DD):** A lifelong disability due to mental or physical impairments manifested prior to age 22.

**Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS):** Provide opportunities for Medicaid participants to receive services in their own home or community. These programs serve a variety of targeted groups, such as people with mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities, and/or physical disabilities.

**HCBS State Plan:** A federal option that allows Medicaid to develop services that address the needs of people who meet state-defined criteria, and typically get a combination of acute medical services (like dental, skilled nursing) and long-term services (like respite, family education).

**HCBS Waiver:** A federal option that allows Medicaid to develop services that meet the needs of people who prefer to receive long-term care services and supports in their home and community, rather than in an institutional setting.

**Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID):** Refers to both a specific type of institution, and waiver eligibility. Participants who meet ICF/ID level of care qualify for Medicaid HCBS waivers.