

5 Things You Need To Know

About Medicaid Waiver Programs in Texas

What does "Waiver" Mean?"

Waivers override certain rules for how that funding can be used. Waivers "waive" (some rules do not apply) certain requirements for Medicaid. If someone meets the eligibility requirements, individuals can get the services they need in their own homes or other community settings, instead of nursing homes, institutions, or facilities.

Are Medicaid Waiver Programs expensive for the State of Texas?

The **average Medicaid Waiver Program is \$51,000 annually** allowing respite, home modifications, and caregiver support. The **average cost of SSLC is \$321,000 annually**. It is considerably less expensive to invest in Medicaid Waiver Funding.

*SSLC- State Supported Living Center

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What is a Medicaid Waiver Program?

A Medicaid waiver (or Long-Term Service and Supports) allows the state to be more flexible in how it spends money to provide long-term services to some **people with disabilities** or elderly persons in order to help them live in the community instead of an ICF or Nursing Home.

How many Medicaid Waiver Programs are there?

There are **7** different Medicaid Waiver Programs in Texas: **TxHmL, HCS, CLASS, MDCP, DBMD, STAR+PLUS HCBS, and YES**. Each program has different rules, qualifications, and funding amounts. It is important to speak with someone who understands the differences.

Do I have to wait to receive services?

Medicaid Waiver Programs have **extensive interest/wait lists**, with **some over 15 years long** with **over 150,000 unduplicated citizens waiting for services**. The first step is getting on the interest list. For more information, visit www.navigatelifetexas.org