

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
OFFICE FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OCDD)
WAIVER SUPPORTS AND SERVICES**

SUPPORTS WAIVER (SW) FACT SHEET	
<u>Description</u>	<p>Home and Community-Based Services Waiver programs are based on federal criteria that allow services to be provided in a home or community-based setting for the participant who would otherwise require institutional care.</p> <p>There is a Developmental Disability (DD) Request for Services Registry (RFSR) that includes individuals who meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability and their request date, but do not have reserved capacity. Persons interested in being added to the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry for the Supports Waiver should contact their local OCDD Regional Office/District/Authority. Once a request has been made, the person will be asked to participate in a determination process for system entry will only determine if the person meets the criteria for a developmental disability.</p> <p>The application process for the Supports Waiver will not begin until a waiver opportunity is available. At that time, medical and financial determinations will be completed simultaneously to validate that the individual has a developmental disability and meets the financial and medical/psychological requirements for institutional care in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD). Through freedom of choice, requestors will choose their support coordinator and direct service provider(s).</p> <p>The Supports Waiver will only be appropriate for those individuals whose health and welfare can be assured via the Individual Service Plan and for whom home and community-based waiver services represent a least restrictive treatment alternative. This waiver is intended to provide specific, activity focused services rather than continuous custodial care. Each service is limited based on annual service limits.</p> <p>The following are services offered through the Supports Waiver: Support Coordination, Supported Employment, Day Habilitation, Prevocational, Respite, Habilitation, Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization, Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization Transition and Personal Emergency Response System.</p>
<u>Level of Care</u>	Requestors must meet ICF/DD level of care for medical and/or psychological criteria. Procedure and requirements are the same as ICF/DD facility determination for admission.
<u>Population</u>	Age - Age 18 years and older with an intellectual disability or developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22. Must meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability.
<u>Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Income - The monthly income can be greater than three (3) times the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount. * Resources - The income limit for waiver, also known as Special Income Limit (SIL) is \$2,199 for an individual and \$4,398 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care). Individuals with income that exceeds the SIL may still qualify for coverage of waiver services in Waiver Spend-down. * Waiver Spend-down - An individual may have to pay towards the cost of care in Waiver Spend-down. The individual's liability is based on their income after the income deductions are applied. Waiver Spend-down has a standard \$20 income deduction. Also \$65 and ½ of the remaining income is deducted from all earned income. After the income deductions are applied, the average monthly waiver rate and other allowable incurred medical expenses are used to "spend-down" an individuals' excess income qualifying the individual for Waiver Spend-down. Allowable incurred medical expenses include Medicare and private health insurance premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, or copayment charges, and medical/remedial care expenses incurred by an individual that are not subject to payment by a third party. * All individuals are allowed to retain from their income a basic needs allowance which is equal to the SIL and the amount of the incurred medical expenses not paid by a third party. Any remainder will be the individual's liability for the cost of care in Waiver Spend-down. * The resources limits are subject to change each year.

For information about accessing Supports Waiver services, please contact your Human Services District/Authority.