

Your Guide to Medicaid Waivers

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Welcome to your guide to Medicaid waivers at the Seneca County Board of Developmental Disabilities (SCBDD)! In July of 2024, SCBDD has chosen to offer all adults receiving day programming services the option of enrolling on a Medicaid waiver. This is a great opportunity to expand your choices and we are here to support you along the way.

Why is the SCBDD offering adults receiving day programming the choice to go on a Medicaid waiver?

- The SCBDD needs to maximize cost savings measures including pulling down Federal and State dollars.
 - These funding sources are called Medicaid waivers
- The SCBDD can serve more people and offer additional services with Medicaid waivers.

What is a Medicaid waiver?

Waivers are one way to pay for services that support someone with developmental disabilities in their home or in the community. There are three different waivers: the Individual Options Waiver (IO), the Level One Waiver, and Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver (SELF).

How may my life improve on a Medicaid waiver?

- You may have access to more programs such as transportation, home delivered meals, residential services, camps, equipment, home modifications, and more, based on assessed needs.
- If you are not already receiving Medicaid benefits, you will be enrolled regardless of income.
 - Medicaid benefits may offer additional services versus your traditional insurance plan.

Timelines for Change:

All adults receiving day programming services, who are not currently enrolled on a waiver, are being notified via a letter and receiving this guide in July. Your SSA will meet with you at your next scheduled meeting or will be reaching out to you to schedule one. *Remember, it is your choice to enroll or not.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What happens when I am on a waiver?**
 - Annual planning meeting with your SSA and team (most likely this is already occurring for you.)
 - You may receive additional reviews
 - Your SSA will visit your home and complete a basic safety check annually.
 - Your SSA will visit you at each location you receive services at least 1x/year or as needed.
 - If your provider handles money on your behalf, your SSA will check their records.
 - You may have access to more services.
 - You will be helping SCBDD recoup funds and improve services.
- **How common are Medicaid waivers?** Most counties in Ohio are already utilizing Medicaid waivers to fund services. For example, other County Boards may only offer day programming options if you have a funding source.
- **What happens if I choose a waiver?** Your SSA is here to help and will guide you through the entire process! This process may include assessments, gathering information, and completing required forms.
- **What happens if I choose not to enroll on a waiver?** The SCBDD is committed to serving you. At this time your services will remain unchanged. If you change your mind, call your SSA to assist you with enrollment.

Additional Questions: Please call or email your SSA. SCBDD is here to help!