

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS!

*Do you need respite care? ...Does your child need help getting dressed, bathing or eating?...
Do you need a roll-in shower?...Do you need a lift in your van?...Does your child need a
device to communicate?...Do you need safety locks in your home?...Does your child need care
for medical needs?...Do you need plans for your child after he graduates high school?...*

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, A MEDICAID WAIVER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP!

There are several Medicaid Waivers in Virginia. Waivers provide a level of support in the home and in the community that historically has been provided in institutions.

FOR WHICH WAIVER IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

There are three criteria an individual must meet in order to be eligible:

For further info visit www.dmas.virginia.gov/ltc-home.htm

Functioning: This will be determined upon intake and screening.

Financial: Individual must meet Long Term Care Medicaid Eligibility; which means only your child's income will be assessed.

Diagnostic: **MR Waiver:** Mental Retardation Diagnosis or be under age 6 and at developmental risk
DD Waiver: Developmental Disability Diagnosis or related condition; apply at age 5yrs.
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Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Directed Services: medical needs

Day Support Waiver: Diagnosis of Mental Retardation; apply at 18yrs

Technology Waiver: Individuals who require ongoing skilled nursing care.

CAN I BE ON MORE THAN ONE WAITING LIST?

You CANNOT be on the MR Waiver Waiting List AND the DD Waiver Waiting List. You CAN be on either the MR Waiver Waiting List or the DD Waiver Waiting List AND receive services from the Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction, Day Support or the Technology Waivers.

WHY DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER NOW?

1. There are waiting lists - some can take years.
2. So Start early- you may be able to receive services before your child graduates.
3. Virginia is NOT required to provide services to your child after s/he turns 22.
4. You don't have to be 22 to apply.
5. If you don't apply, you are not considered to have a need.
6. You can't always anticipate when a crisis will occur.

WHOM DO I CALL TO GET STARTED?

For Arlington County Community Services:

Ages 0-3: 703-228-1640 Ages 3-21: 703-228-1543 Ages over 22: call 703-228-1781

For Fairfax County Community Services: 703-222-0880

Department of Medical Assistance Services: 1-804-786-1465

The Arc of Northern Virginia- DD Waiver or further information

www.thearcofnova.org or Director of Services 703-532-3214, x102