



Waiver Eligibility

- In 1988, Congress “waived the requirement that an individual must move into an institution in order to receive funds, so that individuals can be supported in the community.” Waivers are federally funded programs which are used to provide services that support people living in their own homes, their family’s home, or licensed and unlicensed community settings.
- There are three waivers administered by the Intellectual Disability System (ID): The Person/Family Directed Support Waiver (PFD/S); The Community Living Waiver (CLW) and the Consolidated Waiver (CW). These waivers are administered to the Office of Developmental Programs in Pennsylvania and then to counties individually. More information on the waivers can be found at www.dhs.pa.gov/officeofdevelopmentalprograms
- Individuals must meet Eligibility. See ID and Autism Eligibility Tip Sheet
- Individuals must need at least one ongoing service
- Individuals must have had a physical exam within 12 months which includes a determination of Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/ID or ICF/ORC for autism) Level of Care. Supports Coordinators have forms that can be provided to physicians for this information.
- There are important limits on income and value of assets. Questions about this can be answered by your local County Assistance Office:
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/countyassistancemhiddofficecontactinformation/index.htm>