

Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver Information Sheet

Prior to 1991, the Federal Medicaid program paid for services for people served by the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) only if the person lived in an institution. The approval of Federal Home and Community Based Waiver programs allowed Medicaid to pay for services to people in their homes and in their communities. Section 1915(c) of the Federal Social Security Act enables the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with OIDD to operate a Home and Community-Based Waiver program for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI), spinal cord injury (SCI), or similar disability (SD).

HASCI Waiver Participation

To participate in the HASCI Waiver, a person must:

- Meet OIDD diagnostic criteria (Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Similar Disability)
- Be eligible to receive Medicaid or already qualify for Medicaid.
- Require the degree of care that would be provided in an ICF/IID or Nursing Facility; therefore, meet ICF/IID or Nursing Facility Level of Care criteria.
- Be given the option of receiving services in his/her home and community or in an ICF/IID or Nursing Facility.
- Have needs that can be met by the HASCI Waiver.
- Be allocated a waiver slot.
- Be informed of the alternatives covered by the HASCI Waiver, choose to receive HASCI Waiver services, and choose among qualified providers.

HASCI Waiver Termination

HASCI Waiver Enrollment is terminated when the person:

- Is admitted to an ICF/IID, Nursing Facility, or PRTE.
- No longer meets ICF/IID OR Nursing Facility Level of Care.
- Is no longer eligible for Medicaid as determined by SCDHHS.
- Voluntarily withdraws or no longer wishes to receive services funded by the HASCI Waiver.
- Does not receive two HASCI Waiver services each calendar month, or within 60 calendar days of enrollment date.
- Moves out of state.
- Enrolls into another HCB waiver.
- Refuses to meet responsibilities as a HASCI Waiver participant.

Applying for HASCI Waiver Services

- Contact your assigned Case Manager/Early Interventionist (CM/EI). If you are not receiving Case Management or Early Intervention, contact OIDD at 1-800-289-7012 to apply for services.
- Inform your CM/EI or OIDD that you wish to apply for the HASCI Waiver. They will work with you to gather the information needed to complete the application.
- You will receive a written response from OIDD regarding your HASCI Waiver application.

Applying for OIDD Services

- For persons under age 3, application must be made through BabyNet. BabyNet eligibility/services do not have to be obtained to apply for the HASCI Waiver. To apply for BabyNet services, call the Central Referral Team at 1-866-512-8881, or complete the online referral form at <http://babynet.scdhhs.gov/prebabynet/>.
- For persons aged 3 and older, contact OIDD at 1-800-289-7012 to apply for services.
- If you are screened appropriate for consideration of eligibility, you will choose an intake provider, who will assist you with completing the eligibility process. An application for HASCI Waiver services can be made at this time.
- An applicant found ineligible for OIDD services will be notified in writing, including reason(s) for denial. This notification will provide information on how to appeal denial of eligibility.

Your Annual Plan

An annual plan of services and supports must be completed once every 364 days. If the new plan is not completed by the 364th day, Medicaid cannot pay for services provided. Please work with your Waiver Case Manager to make sure that your plan is completed at least once every year.

HASCI Waiver Services

HASCI Waiver Services are provided based on identified needs of the person and the appropriateness of the service to meet the need. The services listed below may be limited due to provider availability. A list of enrolled and qualified providers of HASCI Waiver services can be located on the OIDD website, <https://DDSN.sc.gov/>. The following services are available through the HASCI Waiver:

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| Attendant Care/Personal Assistance: Direct assistance with personal care and activities of daily living and/or supervision to assure health and safety |
| Behavior Support: Validated practices to identify causes of specific challenging behaviors and appropriate interventions to reduce or eliminate them |
| Career Preparation: Preparation for paid or unpaid employment (but not job-specific skills) in a licensed day program funded by OIDD |
| Day Activity: Assistance with acquisition, retention, or improvement of self-help, socialization and adaptive skills, in a licensed day program funded by OIDD |
| Employment Services: Intensive/extended supports in a licensed employment program funded by OIDD |
| Environmental Modifications: Adaptations to the individual's private home to ensure health and safety or to enable greater independence |
| Health Education for Participant-Directed Care: Instruction by a registered nurse to assist an individual to manage own personal care provided by another individual |
| Independent Living Skills: Services intended to develop, maintain, and improve the community-living skills of a waiver participant. Includes direct training from a qualified staff person. |
| Incontinence Supplies: Diapers, briefs, underpads, liners, wipes and gloves provided to participants who are at least 21 years old and who are incontinent of bowel and/or bladder care according to established medical criteria |
| Medicaid Waiver Nursing: Services within the scope of the SC Nurse Practice Act provided by an RN or LPN |
| Occupational Therapy: Treatment to restore or improve fine motor functioning |
| Peer Guidance for Participant-Directed Care: Information, advice, and encouragement provided by a peer to an individual with SCI/severe physical impairment to recruit, train, and supervise own caregivers |
| Personal Emergency Response System: Electronic device to enable an individual to secure help in an emergency |
| Pest Control Treatment or Pest Control Bed Bugs: Aid in maintaining an environment free of insects such as roaches and other potential disease carriers to enhance safety, sanitation, and cleanliness of the participant's home/residence. |
| Physical Therapy: Treatment to improve or compensate for mobility and movement dysfunction and related functional impairments |
| Private Vehicle Modifications: Modifications to a vehicle driven by or routinely used to transport the individual |
| Private Vehicle Modification Assessment/Consultation: Used to determine the specific modification/equipment, any follow up inspection after modifications are complete, and training in the use of equipment for a private vehicle modification |
| Psychological Services: Treatment to address affective, cognitive, and substance abuse issues |
| Residential Habilitation: Care, skills training, and supervision in a licensed residential program funded by OIDD |
| Respite Care: Short-term care and/or supervision in the absence of individuals normally providing care/supervision |
| Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology Assessment/Consultation: May be provided (if not covered by State Plan Medicaid) to determine specific needs related to the participant's disability for which supplies, equipment, or assistive technology will assist the participant to function more independently. |
| Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology: Specialized medical supplies and equipment and AT devices to better perform activities of daily living |
| Speech and Hearing Services: Speech therapy, audiology services, and augmentative communication |
| Waiver Case Management: Service to assist waiver participants in gaining access to needed waiver services, State Plan Medicaid Services, and other, non-Medicaid Services and resources, regardless of funding source |