

What is the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver?

It is a waiver program that helps eligible New Mexicans live in their home and community by allowing them to choose from a menu of services and supports. The person with a disability, or their representative, completes the registration paperwork and their name is placed on a computerized list of everyone awaiting services through the DD Waiver called the Central Registry.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for services, the individual must: 1) have a diagnosis of an intellectual developmental disability (DD) or a related condition (such as cerebral palsy, seizure disorder, autism, chromosomal disorders, syndrome disorders) that occurred before the age of 22, 2) be a resident of New Mexico.

For more details contact a Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Regional Office listed to the right or go to the website:

www.ACTNewMexico.org This eligibility is based on the income and resources of the applicant, and is determined at allocation.

How to apply?

1. Contact a DDSD Regional Office to complete the *Medical Assistance Division Waiver Services Registration Form* (MAD 325) over the phone. They will mail the applicant a copy of the registration form and a date stamped receipt.

OR

2. Contact the county Income Support Division (ISD) office to request the MAD 325 form. Complete and return to the ISD office, making sure to receive a date stamped receipt. To find a local ISD office, go to: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/Field_Offices_1.aspx or in the government pages of the phone book under State Government – Human Services.

Keep the date stamped receipt in a safe place as proof of initial application. Services are offered in order of the registration date. The DDSD Regional Office will send out a *Match for Services* packet to complete and return. Release of Information (ROI) forms are very important because they allow medical and school documents regarding the disability to be released to the DD Waiver program for eligibility. Once funding is available, DDSD contacts the individual and offers them an *allocation* to the waiver.

Remember:

- DD Waiver recipients also receive Medicaid benefits, even if they were financially ineligible prior to the waiver.
- It may be many years before DD Waiver services begin. While waiting, there are other resources that might be available. Contact the DDSD Regional Office for more information.
- Send any change of address information to the eligibility worker at DDSD. Always respond and/or return any letters from DDSD.

Download Tip Sheets at <http://cdd.unm.edu/InfoNet/publications>

**For additional disability related information or resources contact:
Center for Development and Disability Information Network
1-800-552-8195 or 505-272-8549**

Services Available:

- Case Management
- Day Services
- Living Supports
- Therapies (PT, OT, SLP, and Behavioral)
- Assistive Technology
- Independent Living Transition Service
- Community Integrated Employment Services
- Community Supports
- In-Home Supports
- Adult Nursing
- Nutritional Counseling
- Personal Care
- Crisis Support
- Supplemental Dental
- Respite
- Environmental Modification
- Non-Medical Transportation

DDSD Regional Offices:
Albuquerque Metro Office
Intake & Eligibility Dept.
800-283-5548

NW Regional Office
866-862-0448

NE Regional Office
866-315-7123

SW Regional Office
866-742-5226

SE Regional Office
866-895-9138

Contact Parents Reaching Out (PRO)

to request *DD Waiver Application or Allocation booklets & fact sheets*

800-524-5176
505-247-0192

Parentsreachingout.org/publications

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