



Kansas Medical Assistance Fact Sheet: Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Kansas has a variety of programs promoting independent living in safe, healthy environments. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) were created to provide medical and nonmedical services to children and adults in their home, assisted living, or residential care facility. Services are designed to provide individuals with the least intensive level of care, who may otherwise be placed in a nursing home, hospital, or intermediate care facility.

Persons must have a medical need for the special care. There must be an open space in the HCBS program, and the individual must be determined eligible for Medicaid. The resource limit is \$2,000 for a single person and there are special resource provisions for those individuals who have a spouse. People on HCBS may also share in the cost of care. Persons with income more than \$2,982 a month help pay for their care.

To see if you qualify for Medicaid benefits, contact the KanCare Clearinghouse at 1-800-792-4884 and tell them you would like to apply for Medicaid and HCBS services.

There are seven (7) HCBS waivers. Each waiver offers services for a specific group. Click the title of each waiver below for more information.

Frail and Elderly - Serves individuals aged 65 and older who want community-based services as an alternative to nursing home care.

Physical Disability - Serves individuals aged 16-64 who are physically disabled and need assistance with activities of daily living.

Intellectual/Developmental Disability - Serves individuals aged 5 and up who meet the definition of intellectual or developmental disability.

Serious Emotional Disturbance - Serves individuals aged 4-18 at risk of being removed from their homes or hospitalized due to severe emotional and behavioral difficulties. (There are exemptions for children younger than 4 and extension of services up to the age of 22.)

Autism - Serves children from time of diagnosis through 5 years of age.

Technology Assisted - Serves children under 21 who are dependent upon mechanical ventilators or intravenous administration of nutritional substances or drugs.

Brain Injury - Serves individuals from birth through age 64 who have a traumatically acquired brain injury. (There are exceptions for individuals that are on the waiver when they turn 65.)

How to Apply for Medical Coverage: You must complete and submit an application to receive medical coverage.

To apply for medical coverage, use any of the following choices:

- Apply Online- Apply for all programs at the [Medical Consumer Self-Service Portal](#).
- Call the KanCare Clearinghouse at 1-800-792-4884 to request an application be sent to you. Interpreter services are available.
- If you or your family currently have an open KanCare case that has been reviewed in the last year, you can call to request coverage for an additional family member at 1-800-792-4884. We will contact you if any additional information is needed to complete the request.
- Paper applications can be downloaded for printing at [Apply for KanCare](#).
- You can also report changes or submit your review at the [Medical Consumer Self-Service Portal](#).