



Developmental Disabilities Supports Division

Considering the Supports Waiver

What is New Mexico's Supports Waiver?

New Mexico's new Supports Waiver (SW) is a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver that is an option for individuals who are on the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Wait List. Supports Waiver services are intended to complement unpaid supports that are provided to individuals by family and others.

You keep your place on the Wait List, whether you choose to accept Supports Waiver offer or not.

Support Waiver Services \$10,000 Annual Budget

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| ✓ Assistive Technology | ✓ Environmental Modifications |
| ✓ Behavior Support Consultation | ✓ Personal Care |
| ✓ Customized Community Supports – Group | ✓ Non-Medical Transportation |
| ✓ Customized Community Supports – Individual | ✓ Respite |
| ✓ Supported Employment | ✓ Vehicle Modification |

How Will I Access Supports Waiver Services?

When you choose the Supports Waiver, you will also choose a Community Support Coordinator (CSC) Agency in your county. Your CSC will help you understand and plan your services in the Supports Waiver.

Agency Based Service Delivery Model

When you choose to have Supports Waiver services provided through the agency-based model, the CSC will help you get information about the agencies that provide Supports Waiver services.

Things to consider when selecting a provider agency-:

- What agencies are available in your community? Agencies are listed on the Secondary Freedom of Choice form at <https://sfoc.health.state.nm.us>
- What things are important to you and what questions will you ask when you are speaking to an agency and considering hiring them. A Provider Selection Guide is available to help you <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/prvsel/guide/>

Participant-Directed Services

You can also choose to have Supports Waiver services provided through a participant-directed model. You will either be your own employer for your services or select an Employer of Record (EOR). The EOR is in charge of hiring, firing, directing and ensuring training of employee and vendors and completing administrative duties. Being an EOR is an important responsibility. An EOR will need training and time to dedicate to the job. If you are not your own EOR, your EOR must work with you to make sure your choices and input are honored. Your CSC can provide you an EOR Readiness Checklist to help with your decisions.

What can I expect if I choose to participate in the Supports Waiver?



**You will receive a package of information from DDSD
You will be contacted by the CSC Agency that you selected to:**

- Learn about Supports Waiver**
- Program Information**
- What is available**
- What do I need to do**



Establish Waiver Eligibility
Financial Eligibility
Medical Eligibility



Choose Service Delivery Model
Agency Based Services or
Participant Directed Services



Plan Services
Develop your Person Centered Plan



Monitor Services
Every month in person or by telephone/computer