

Key Message and Tips for Beneficiaries:

Habilitation and Waiver Services



Message

Habilitation services help you gain skills to become more successful and independent.[1]

If you get Medicaid through a waiver you may be able to receive habilitation services.[2]

Habilitation services can help you learn, improve, and retain skills to help you live in the community. These include:

- Prevocational services;
- Educational services; and
- Supported employment services.[3]

If you need these services, talk with your doctor about including them in your service plan. These tips will help you follow Medicaid rules if you get habilitation services.

TIPS

- Make sure habilitation services are ordered and approved by your doctor and written in your service plan;
- Get your services at home or at another approved location;
- Report any changes in your circumstances;
- Never sign any papers that are blank or have an error; and
- Get a copy of everything you sign.

Habilitation and waiver services are different in each State. For more information about services available in your area, visit <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/By-State.html> for a link to your State Medicaid agency.

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¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. (2010). Understanding Medicaid Home and Community Services: A Primer. 2010 Edition. Retrieved April 1, 2015, from <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/reports/2010/primer10.pdf>

² Services: Requirements and Limits Applicable to Specific Services, 42 C.F.R. § 441. Retrieved June 12, 2015, from http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=f900fff862a92a0561b1b2bd7b7ef1bf&mc=true&node=pt42.4.441&rgn=d_iv5

³ Social Security Act § 1915. Provisions Respecting Inapplicability and Waiver of Certain Requirements of This Title. Retrieved June 12, 2015, from http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title19/1915.htm