Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) Waiver Program

A home and community-based services waiver

What is the CADI Waiver?
In Minnesota, children and adults with disabilities who require the level of care provided in a nursing home may be eligible to receive services in community settings rather than in a nursing facility. The CADI Waiver offers services to help a person live as independently as possible in community settings.

Who is eligible?
Participants on the CADI Waiver must:

■ Be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA)
■ Be certified disabled by the Social Security Administration or State Medical Review Team (SMRT) process
■ Be under the age of 65 years at time they are authorized to receive the CADI Waiver
■ Be assessed through a screening process and be determined to need the level of services provided in a nursing facility
■ Have an assessed need for supports and services over and above those available through the standard Medical Assistance (MA) benefit set.

What services are offered?
In addition to the full range of services traditionally covered by Medical Assistance (medically necessary hospital care, physician care, prescription drugs, dental services, therapies, counseling, medical transportation), the CADI Waiver offers a variety of services based on need such as:

■ Environmental accessibility adaptations, respite care and customized living
■ Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS)
■ Family training and counseling

Participants can receive these services while living in their own home, the home of a relative or friend, or another community setting such as a foster care home.

Will these services take the place of other funding sources?
No. CADI Waiver services supplement, not replace other funding sources such as insurance, Medical Assistance, Medicare or other assistance.

What happens when the CADI Waiver participant reaches age 65?
People who receive CADI Waiver services may choose to stay on the waiver when they turn 65 years of age or go onto the Elderly Waiver (EW).
How do people apply?
People who are interested in receiving CADI Waiver services should contact the county social services agency to ask for a screening or additional information.
Visit www.dhs.state.mn.us and select on Counties/regional offices or call the Disability Linkage Line at 1-866-333-2466 for a list of county and regional offices.

Right to fair treatment
Individuals have the right to fair, non-discriminatory treatment. The Department of Human Services cannot discriminate against anyone because of his or her race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, creed, political beliefs or because of physical, mental or emotional disability or status with regard to public assistance.

If an individual feels discriminated against for any reason, a complaint may be filed with the:

Minnesota Department of Human Services
Office for Equal Opportunity
PO Box 64997
St. Paul, MN 55164-0997
(651) 431-3040 (voice)
(651) 431-3041 (TTY/TDD)
(651) 431-7444 (fax)
(800) 627-3529 (Minnesota Relay Service)
(877) 627-3848 (Speech-to-Speech Relay)

or the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office for Civil Rights, Region V
233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 886-2356 (voice)
(312) 353-5693 (TTY/TDD)

Attention. If you want free help translating this information, call Disability Linkage Line® 1-866-333-2466.

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For additional assistance with legal rights and protections for equal access to human services programs, contact your agency’s ADA coordinator.

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