



# Care through all ages and stages

Children to Adult Waivers in Colorado



# Introduction

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# Agenda

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Guardianship - Chris Brock Colorado Cross Disability Coalition
- Home and Community Based Services Waivers (HCBS)

## Community Partners





# Supplemental Security Income (SSI)



**Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes).**

- SSI provides cash assistance to children and adults with limited income and resources who are age 65 or older, blind or disabled.
- Provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.
- Medicaid eligibility awarded in conjunction with SSI approval
- Eligibility usually begins the 1st of the full month following the date of application or the protective filing date
- Current resource limits are \$2000 per qualifying individual/child and \$3000 per couple
- \$914 is the current 2023 monthly installment for individuals.
- <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm>





# Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

## 2023 SSI Income and Resource Eligibility Table

Gross wages or net self-employment income	Income from pensions or gifts, etc.	Resources (things you own)
Less than \$1,913 per month in wages (before taxes and other deductions) or self-employment (after deduction of allowable business expenses) if you are an individual.	Less than \$934 per month if you are an individual.	Less than \$2,000 total if you are an individual.
Less than \$2,827 per month in wages (before taxes and other deductions) or self-employment (after deduction of allowable business expenses) if you are a couple.	Less than \$1,391 per month if you are a couple.	Less than \$3,000 total if you are a couple.



## Chris Brock



Chris is Managing Attorney of Probate Power, CCDC's probate and estate planning legal program. Prior to joining CCDC, Chris worked as a law clerk for the Honorable A. Bruce Jones in Denver District Court and as a Dean's Fellow at the University of Colorado Law School. He is admitted to the Colorado Bar and is a member of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, where he belongs to the Trust and Estate and Elder Law Sections. Chris focuses his practice in the areas of special needs planning, estate planning, and probate administration.

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# Guardianship



At age 18, everyone regardless of disability becomes an emancipated adult under Colorado law. You may want to explore guardianship or other options to assist your adult child in decision making processes. Emancipation is automatic unless the parent formally goes through a legal process to obtain guardianship.

## Guardianship and Other Options

When exploring what level of oversight and assistance your child may need to make decisions pertaining to finances, health, living arrangements, etc, you will want to begin discussions early. Guardianship is a great option for individuals are unable to make decisions for themselves, however there are many options out there that can help parents support their adult child in making decisions while also promoting independence and individual choice.





## Guardianship



**Conservatorship:** A conservatorship is a court proceeding that appoints an individual, or an entity like a private fiduciary, to manage the financial affairs of a minor or an adult who is unable to manage his or her own property or financial matters. A conservator is held to the standard of care applicable to a trustee: which is that of a prudent person dealing with the property of another. A conservator must keep detailed and accurate records of all of the financial information of the protected person.

**Limited Power of Attorney:** A Limited Power of Attorney, also known as a Special Power of Attorney, is granted the legal authority, in writing, to perform a specific act or acts or have Power of Attorney for a limited amount of time.



## Guardianship



**Medical Durable Power of Attorney:** Grants the Power of Attorney authority to make medical and personal care decisions on an individual's behalf.

**Financial Power of Attorney:** A Financial Power of Attorney, also known as a General Power of Attorney or General Power of Attorney for Property, gives you the authority to manage your child's finances and property, however, you may not override his/ her wishes. For example, this would allow you to withdraw funds from a bank account, pay bills, and cash checks on the individual's behalf. As of January 1, 2010 all financial powers of attorneys signed are considered "durable" unless otherwise stated.

**Power of Attorney:** Essentially, a power of attorney is a legal document that grants a parent (or other individual) legal rights and powers on behalf of your child (once the child is 18 years or older). You have the ability to make decisions for your child, but you cannot override his/her wishes.



## Guardianship



Guardianship is a very powerful role to be played in the life of a person with a disability, and it may not be appropriate for your family or child. The guardian may make personal decisions for the ward (your child) relating to living arrangements, education, social activities, and authorization or withholding of medical or other professional care, treatment, or advice. The guardian must always make decisions that are in the best interests of the ward. The guardian must always make sure that the ward is living in the least restrictive environment in which the ward can remain safe.

A guardian must submit a written report to the court annually on the date of the guardian's appointment. The report must include information on the health and living conditions of the ward and a current physician's report. Guardianship can be obtained through the County Probate.

<https://pascohh.com/resources>



# Understanding Medicaid & PASCO Services

## State Plan Benefits

**PASCO Services Offered:** CNA, PPC (Pediatric Personal Care), Skilled Nursing (Current Families)  
**FUTURE STATE** – Community First Choice (CFC) will have IHSS at the State Plan Level (Coming 2024-2025)

## Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers

Provides all State Plan benefits **plus** additional waiver services

Allows participants and their families to remain integrated in the community and have decision making power over their life and health

- Participants receive services in their home and community

### Children's Waivers

- Children With Life Limiting Illness Waiver (CLLI)
- Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)
- Children's Home & Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)
- Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

### Adult Waivers

- Brain Injury Waiver (BI)
- Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD)
- Elderly, Blind and Disabled Waiver (EBD)
- Complementary and Integrative Health Waiver (CIH)
- Supported Living Services Waiver (SLS)



# Home & Community-Based Services Waivers (HCBS)

- A waiver is an extra set of Health First Colorado benefits, and each waiver has specific program rules as well as targeted supports and services.
- HCBS waivers provide opportunities for Medicaid recipients to receive services in their own home or community rather than institutions or other isolated settings. These programs serve a variety of targeted populations, such as people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and or mental illnesses.



# Home & Community Based Services Waivers (HCBS)

HCBS waivers allow flexibility to:

- Waive certain income/eligibility criteria
- Provide individuals more choice and independence
- Provide specific services to target groups
- Provide all Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) State Plan benefits
- Participants can only be enrolled in one waiver at a time
- Waivers go through a renewal process with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) every 5 years
- Allow participants to receive services in their home and community
- Participants must utilize a waiver service monthly or every 30 days to remain active
- Waiver services are managed by Case Management Agencies

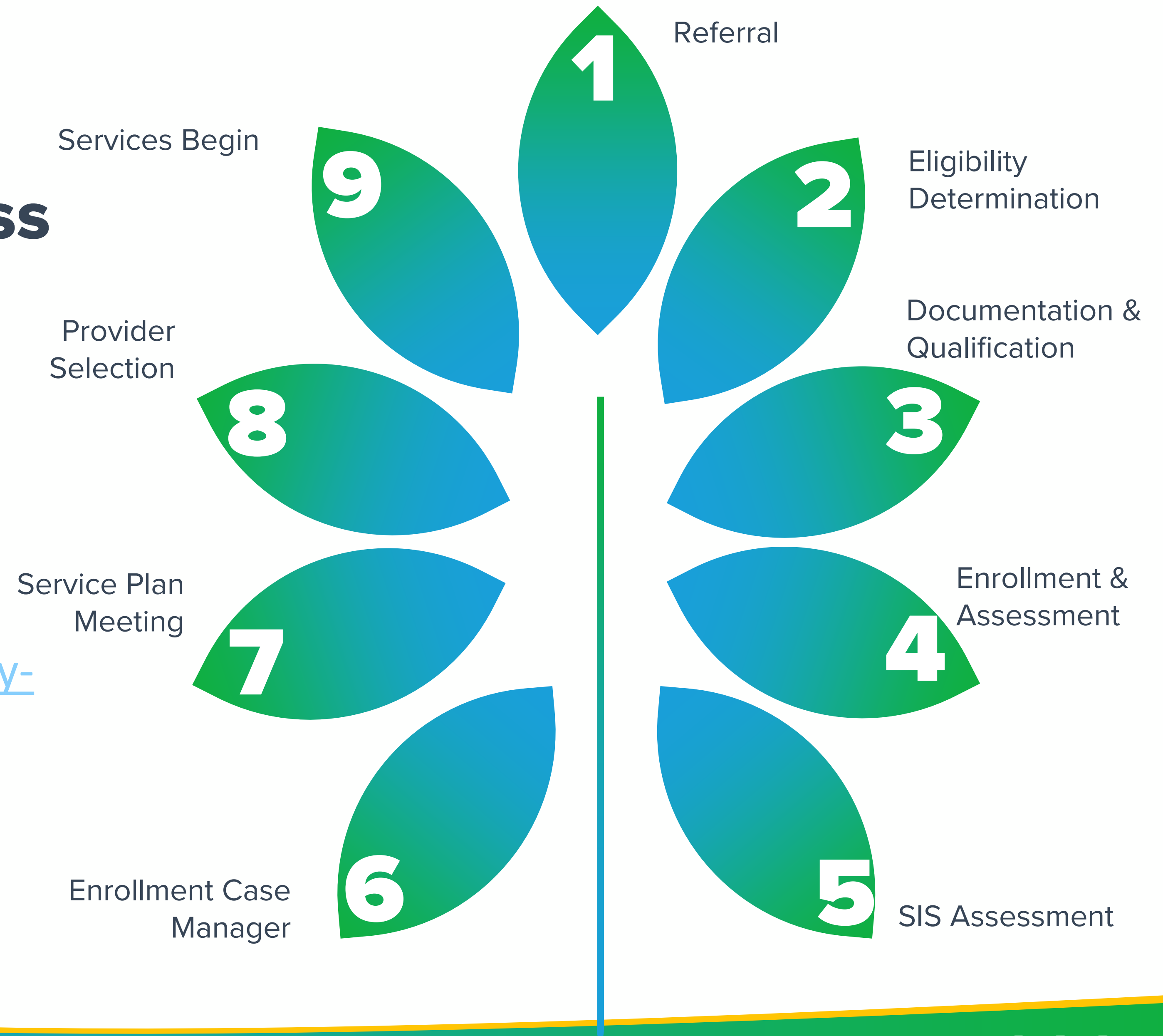




# CCB Waiver Application Process

Contact your local Community  
Centered Board (CCB) case  
management agency to apply

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/community-centered-boards>

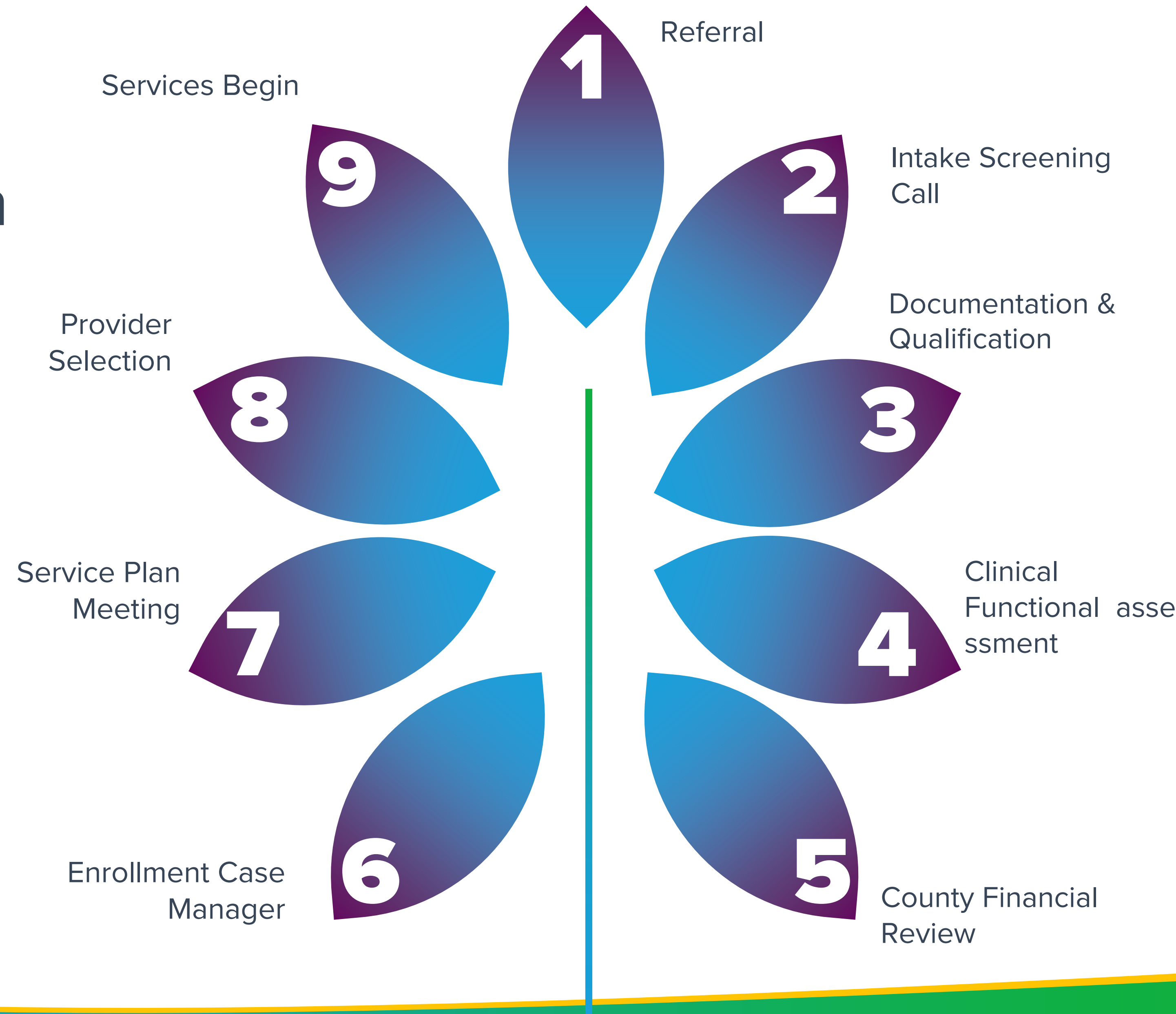




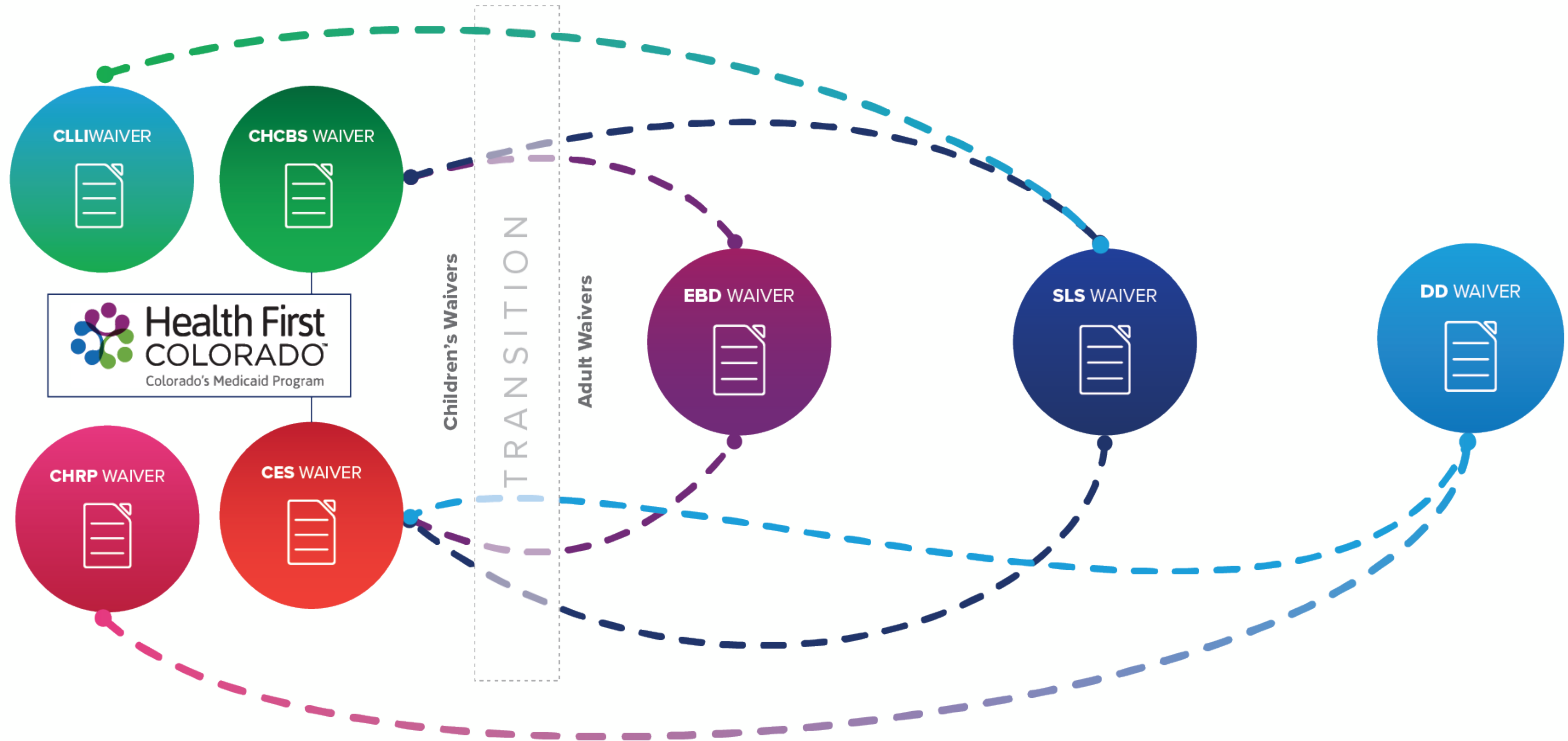
# Single Entry Point Waiver Application Process

Contact your local Single Entry  
Point case management  
agency to apply

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies>



# Waiver Transition Flowchart

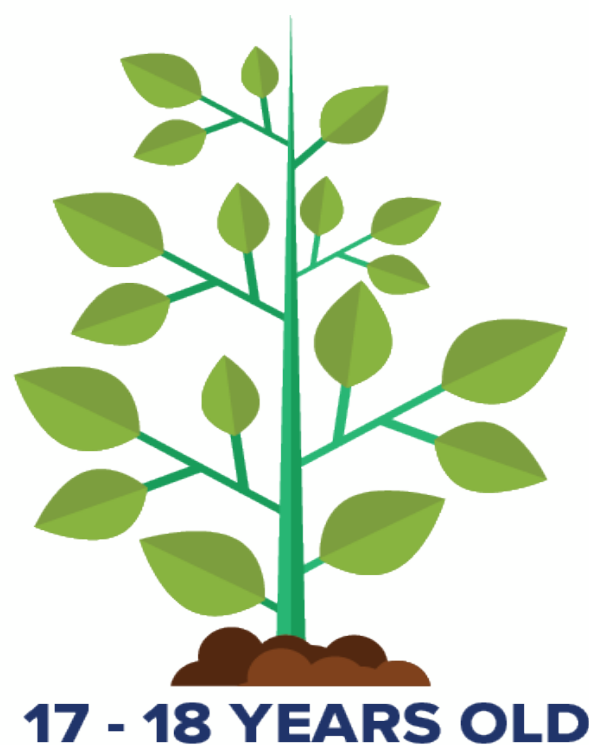




## Transitioning to an adult I/DD waiver



For individuals with a developmental or Intellectual disability, age 14 is a significant year when it comes to thinking about transitioning into adulthood. This is the time that your child should be placed on the DD Comprehensive waitlist through your Community Centered Board.



Around age 17 ½ is when the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Assessment should be completed through the CCB. This is a tool designed to measure the level of practical supports required by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An individual's SIS score determines their level of funding for adult waiver services.



# HCBS Supported Living Services Waiver

The SLS waiver is an I/DD waiver that provides a variety of services and supports for adults living in their own homes or with family in the community.

- *Funding is based of the individuals SIS score.*
- *Currently, there is no waitlist for this program.*
- At least 18 years or older
- Determined to have a developmental disability by a Community Centered Board
- Needs support completing some or all activities of daily living
- Meets Social Security disability criteria
- Meets financial requirements to be eligible for Health First Colorado Medicaid

## Services and supports

- Assistive Technology
- CDASS (Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services Mentorship)
- **Personal Care**
- Respite Day Habilitation (Day Program)/**Supported Community Connector**
- Transportation
- Vision/Dental
- **Homemaker**
- **Mentorship**
- Pre-vocational Services
- Supported Employment
- Life Skills Training
- **Respite**
- Behavioral Services
- Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology
- Vehicle & home mods (\$10k 5-year waiver renewal period)
- Other therapies
- Specialized medical equipment



# Supported Living Services (SLS) Waiver

## FAQs

Is there a budget for SLS waiver services?

- Yes, the amount of funding available is determined by an individual's support level score. This is determined by your SIS evaluation and the support levels range from 1-6.

Are residential services included in this waiver?

- No, the SLS waiver doesn't provide additional support for residential services. Living arrangements can include living with family, living with roommates or living in their own home. This waiver does not provide support for twenty-four (24) hour supervision on a continuous basis.

Can C.N.A services continue while enrolled under the waiver ?

- Yes, C.N.A services can continue under the supported living services waiver. CNA care is not billed as a waiver benefit, it is a state plan Medicaid benefit.

Can I be paid as a parent to provide services to my loved one under the waiver?

- Yes, you can be paid to become a provider for your loved one. Through PASCO a parent can be paid to provide services such as supported community connections, personal care, mentorship, and homemaker enhanced. Friends or other individuals can provide additional services such as respite and homemaker basic.



*Enrollments are limited by the state and there is a waiting list.*



# HCBS Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver

## What is the DD Comp Waiver?

The Developmental Disability (DD) Medicaid Waiver provides access to services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week according to an individual's prioritized needs. This program encompasses a range of services including residential, day programs, behavioral, transportation, and employment.

### Qualifications

- 18 years or older
- Determined to have a developmental disability by a Community Centered Board
- Needs support completing some or all activities of daily living
- Meets Social Security disability criteria
- Meets financial requirements to be eligible for Health First Colorado Medicaid

## How Can it benefit an individual?

- Day Habilitation Services
- Vision/Dental
- Non-medical transportation
- Prevocational Services
- **Residential Habilitation Services** & Supports provided in multiple settings including host homes, independent apartments, & group homes
- Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Behavioral Supports



*SIS score determines residential funding.*

# **HCBS Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver FAQs**

## **Is there a waitlist for this waiver?**

- In Colorado, there is a long waiting list for the DD Waiver.

## **Is there another way to get onto the DD waiver?**

- Children who are currently enrolled under the CES waiver have the option to transition straight to the DD Waiver out of CES. If the individual chooses not to enroll into the DD Waiver they will be placed on a waitlist. There is also an option for emergency placement if the individual meets the emergency criteria.

## **Where can residential services be provided?**

- The DD Waiver is designed for adults age 18 and older who are unable to live independently. Individuals may choose to live and receive residential services either:
  - 1) In the family home (Family Caregiver Model through Personal Care Alternative)
  - 2) In an apartment setting (Personal Care Alternative)
  - 3) Other residential setting (Host Home/Group Home)

## **Can an individual receive Private Duty Nursing on the DD Waiver?**

- YES!!! PDN is billed as a state plan Medicaid benefit, not a waiver benefit.



# Elderly Blind and Disabled (EBD) Waiver

## Qualifications

- 18 years or older.
- Between 18-64, you must be blind or have a physical disability, or have a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS.
- 65 and older, you must have been determined to have a significant functional impairment.
- Income must be less than 3x current Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) limit per month.
- For a single person, your countable resources must be less than \$2,000 and for a couple they must be less than \$3,000.

## What services are available?

- Alternative care facility
- In Home Support Services (IHSS)
- Community Transition services
- Adult Day Services
- Personal Care/Relative Personal Care
- Homemaker Services
- Respite Care
- Home Modification (one time up to \$16,000)
- Non-medical Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Medication Reminder
- Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS)



## Family Caregiving Options by Children's HCBS Waiver

Waiver	CNA	IHSS	DSP
Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)	⊡		
Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)	⊡	⊡	
Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)	⊡		
Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI)	⊡		





## Family Caregiving options by Adult HCBS Waiver

Waiver	CNA	IHSS	DSP
Brain Injury Waiver 16 yrs and older (BI)	⊡		
Community Mental Health Supports Waiver (CMHS)	⊡		
Elderly, Blind and Disabled Waiver (EBD)	⊡	⊡	
Complimentary Integrative Health Waiver (CIH)	⊡	⊡	
Supported Living Services Waiver(SLS)	⊡		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD)			⊡

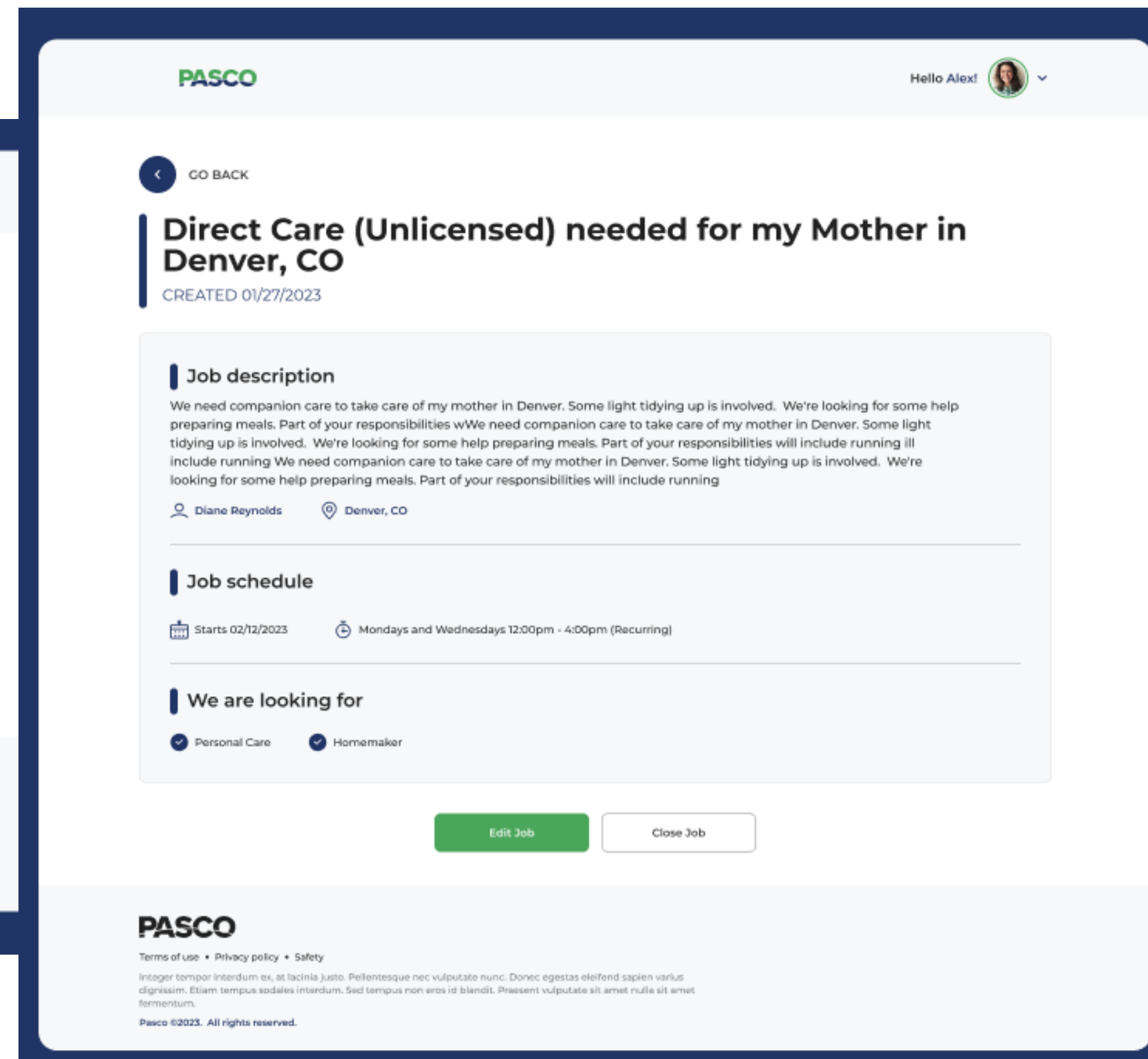
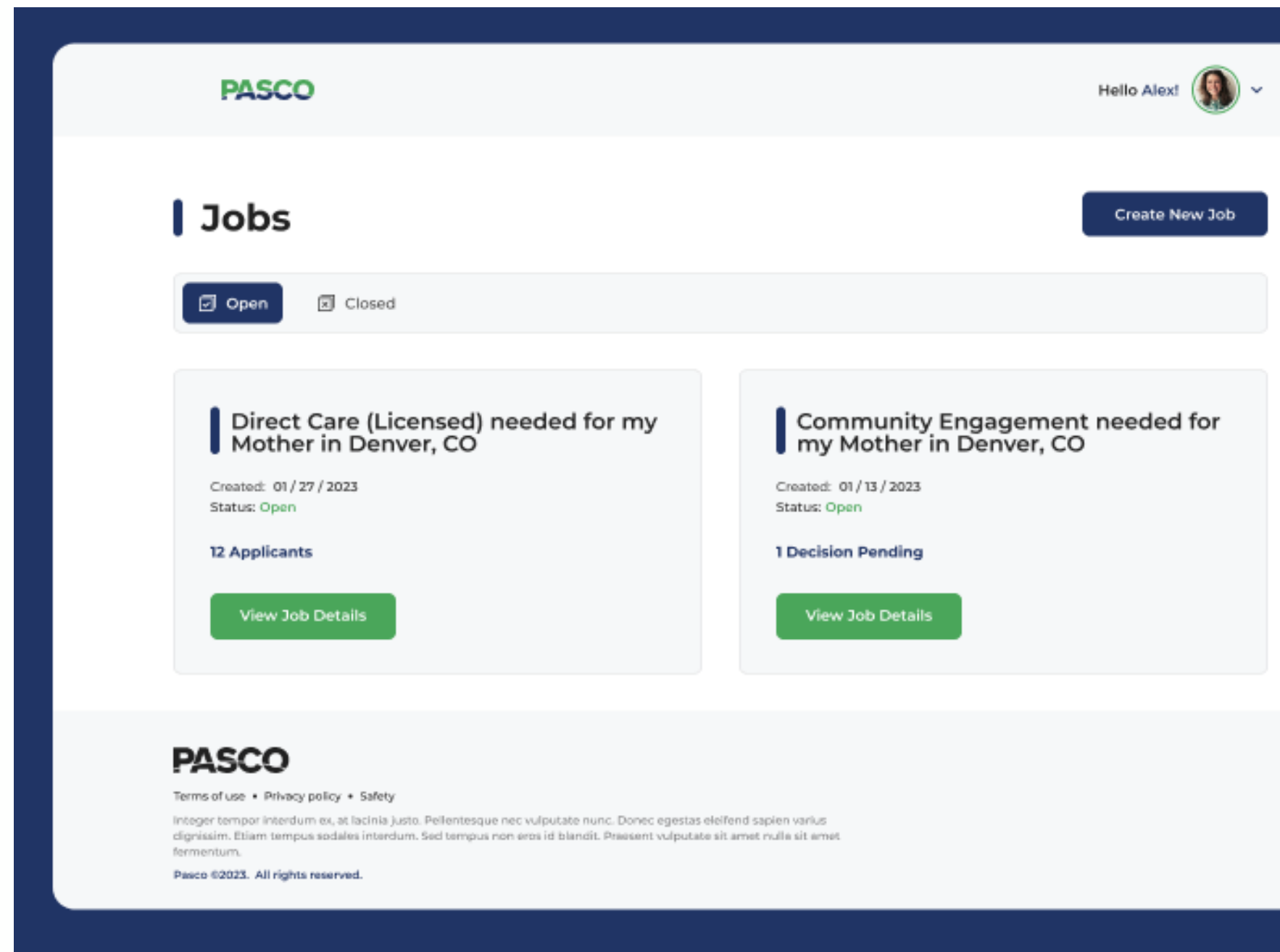


- A respite care application designed to provide a well-deserved break for primary caregivers and match clients with trained and qualified respite providers through PASCO.
- Gives opportunity for the necessary care and support to be provided while primary caregivers can go to appointments, take a vacation, run errands, or just simply take a break and recharge.
- With the help of PASCO CareMatch, we will connect clients and families in need of Respite support to caregivers that can be trained to meet the individuals needs of care.





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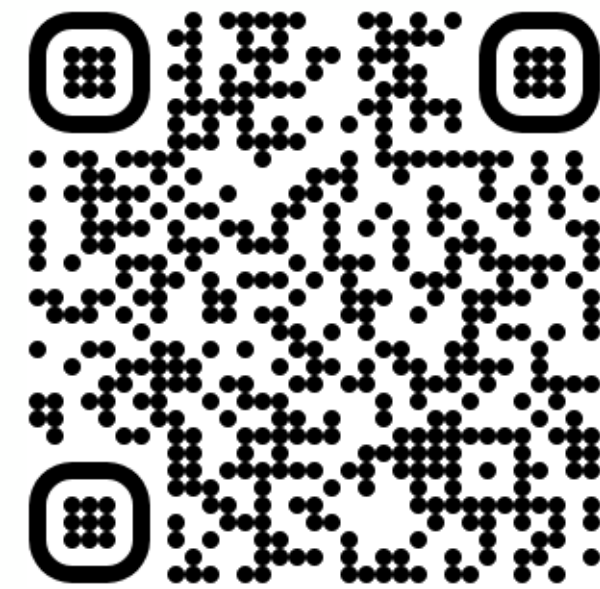


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