

# Information about MassHealth HCBS Waivers

## Acquired Brain Injury Waivers and Moving Forward Plan Waivers

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers are MassHealth programs that provide services to eligible individuals in their own homes or community. Massachusetts has four HCBS waivers that exclusively serve adults who move from a nursing facility or long-stay hospital back to their community. There is a maximum number of participants who can be served each year.

HCBS Waiver Program	Population Served
<b>1. ABI-RH Waiver</b> <i>Acquired Brain Injury with Residential Habilitation</i> operated by Dept. of Developmental Services (DDS)	Adults with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) who need 24-hour supervision in a provider-operated and staffed residence
<b>2. ABI-N Waiver</b> <i>Acquired Brain Injury Non-residential Habilitation</i> operated by Mass. Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)	Adults with ABI who do not need 24-hour supports/supervision, but need community-based waiver services provided in their home
<b>3. MFP-RS Waiver</b> <i>Moving Forward Plan Residential Supports</i> operated by DDS	Adults who need 24-hour supervision in a provider-operated and staffed residence
<b>4. MFP-CL Waiver</b> <i>Moving Forward Plan Community Living</i> operated by MRC	Adults who do not need 24-hour supports and supervision, but need community-based waiver services provided in their home



To qualify for the waiver, a person must apply while they are still living in a facility and:

	ABI Waivers	MFP Waivers
Have an ABI* that was sustained at age 22 or older	✓	
Be a disabled adult <u>or</u> be age 65 or older	✓	✓
Have been living in a long-stay facility** for at least 90 days	✓	✓
Meet clinical level of care requirements	✓	✓
Need waiver services in the community (see reverse)	✓	✓
Meet financial requirements to qualify for MassHealth Standard***	✓	✓
Be able to be safely served in the community	✓	✓

\* Some examples of ABIs that qualify are brain injuries resulting from **stroke, brain trauma, infection of the brain, brain tumor, or anoxia**. Dementia-type conditions do not qualify.

\*\* Long-stay facility means a nursing home or a chronic disease/rehabilitation hospital. For the MFP waivers, psychiatric hospitals also qualify.

\*\*\* Financial requirements for HCBS waiver applicants:

- Income ≤ 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (\$2,349 per month in 2020)
- Countable assets ≤ \$2,000
- Countable assets of applicant's spouse (if applicable) ≤ \$128,640 (in 2020)

# Waiver Services

See website below for details

	Residential Waivers		Non-residential Waivers	
	ABI-RH	MFP-RS	ABI-N	MFP-CL
Assisted Living Services	✓	✓		
Residential Habilitation	✓	✓		
Shared Living- 24 Hour Supports	✓	✓		
Adult Companion			✓	✓
Chore Service			✓	✓
Community Based Day Supports	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Support and Navigation		✓		✓
Day Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family Training		✓		✓
Home Accessibility Adaptations		✓	✓	✓
Home Health Aide				✓
Homemaker			✓	✓
Independent Living Supports				✓
Individual Support and Community Habilitation		✓	✓	✓
Orientation and Mobility Services		✓		✓
Peer Support		✓		✓
Personal Care			✓	✓
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prevocational Services		✓		✓
Respite			✓	✓
Shared Home Supports				✓
Skilled Nursing		✓		✓
Specialized Medical Equipment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supported Employment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supportive Home Care Aide				✓
Transitional Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transportation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vehicle Modification				✓



**Information and printable one-page application forms available online**

<https://www.mass.gov/acquired-brain-injury-abi-and-moving-forward-plan-mfp-waivers>



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