



## Community and Employment Support (CES) Waiver

The CES Waiver provides support for beneficiaries with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) with all major life activities. This includes living independently and working at a job with help from an employment coach. Arkansans of all ages with IDD are eligible to apply.

### What are the Goals of the CES Waiver?

The goals of the CES Waiver are to:

**1** Promote inclusion by providing opportunities in the community

**2** Assign a Care Coordinator through the PASSE Program

**3** Enable beneficiaries with IDD to live independently in their own home or in a community-setting.

### What are the Eligibility Requirements for Receiving Services?

To be eligible to receive services through the CES waiver, applicants must:

1. Be diagnosed with a developmental disability (i.e., Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, or other conditions that cause the person to function as though they have an intellectual disability).
  - Onset of the developmental disability must occur before the person is 22 years old and must be expected to continue indefinitely.
2. Meet the institutional level of care criteria provided by an Intermediate Care Facility for DD/IDD.
3. Meet established financial, psychological, and functional criteria.

For more information about eligibility, visit [access.arkansas.gov](http://access.arkansas.gov) or contact Access Arkansas at 855-372-1084

### Who is Responsible for Administering the CES Waiver?










The CES waiver is operated by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) under the administrative authority of the Division of Medical Services (DMS).

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## What Services are Provided through the CES Waiver?

The CES waiver program offers several services to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. The specific services a person receives depends on their unique needs.

-  **Caregiver Respite:** Short-term service that provides caregivers with relief and time to rest from caregiving activities.
-  **Supported Employment:** Services that offer individualized ongoing support to help beneficiaries find and keep jobs (for at least minimum wage, in a competitive integrated work setting). This may include job placement, job coaching, training, and more.
-  **Supportive Living:** Individualized services and activities to help beneficiaries reside successfully in their own home, with family, or in an alternative living setting (apartment, or provider owned group home). Examples include help with decision-making and money management.
-  **Specialized Medical Supplies:** These include nutritional supplements, non-prescription medications, prescription drugs, and items necessary for life support.
-  **Adaptive Equipment:** Equipment and other tools that are used to increase, maintain, or improve a beneficiary's ability to perform daily life tasks. Some examples include personal emergency response systems that let beneficiaries call for help by pressing a button, or modifying a vehicle so that the beneficiary can drive safely and independently.
-  **Community Transition Services:** Support for beneficiaries who are moving from a facility to a private home where the beneficiary or his or her guardian is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses. This service offers one-time financial support for fees and expenses related to establishing one's household.
-  **Consultation:** Clinical and Therapeutic Services assist the beneficiary and those involved in carrying out the activities in a beneficiary's Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP).
-  **Environmental Modifications:** Changes made to the beneficiary's place of residence to ensure their health, welfare, and safety or that enable them to function with greater independence. Some examples of modifications include installation of wheelchair ramps and widening doorways.
-  **Supplemental Support:** Provides additional support if unforeseen needs arise to avoid disrupting the beneficiary's services or placement.

## Additional Information

- All CES waiver beneficiaries are enrolled in the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) program, which serves beneficiaries with complex behavioral health needs or intellectual and developmental disabilities. PASSE organizations coordinate all physical health, behavioral health, and specialized developmental disability services to Medicaid beneficiaries.
- The CES waiver currently has a waitlist. Some people on the waitlist can receive other Medicaid services while on the waiting list.

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