

3310.00.00 PERMISSIBLE HCBS WAIVER CATEGORIES

Indiana's approved HCBS waivers specify the eligibility categories under which a person can be approved to receive waiver services. The permissible Medicaid categories for the waivers are:

- SSI (MASI)
- Aged (MA A)
- Blind (MA B)
- Disabled (MA D)
- MEDWorks (MADW, MADI)
- Low-income Caretakers (MAGF)
- Foster Care (MA 15)
- Children under Age 1 (MA Y)
- Children Aged 1-5 (MA Z)
- Children Aged 1-18 (MA 2, MA 9)
- Transitional Medical Assistance (MA F)
- IV-E FC Foster Care children (MA 4)
- Children in the Adoption Assistance Program (MA 8)
- ~~Newborns born to mothers on Medicaid (MA X).~~

If an individual is receiving Medicaid in any other category, the DFR is responsible for processing a category change to determine eligibility in an appropriate waiver category.

Special eligibility rules apply in the Aged, Blind, and Disabled categories for waiver individuals and are explained in the following sections. Individuals who qualify for any of the other allowable waiver categories will remain eligible in those categories without any special rules being applied. The policies and procedures explained in Sections 2035.30 and 2035.30.15 regarding the Medicaid category determination is applicable.

Effective June 1, 2014, applicants stating they are disabled will be required to apply for disability benefits through the Social Security Administration (SSA) within 45 days after the date of the application, unless the disabled applicant is under 18 years of age (see IHCPPM 2404.00.00 and 2432.00.00).

Children under the age of 18 are not required to file for disability through SSA; MRT will continue to determine disability for children who are disabled. When a child with an approved MRT determination turns 18, the member is required to verify that an application for disability has been filed with SSA (see IHCPPM 2412.25.00).

Note that there are several Hoosier Healthwise (HHW) categories that are permissible for waivers. A child's waiver application should not be delayed pending a MRT determination if the HHW can be authorized. Unless specifically requested by the legal guardian, and if eligible, the HHW should be authorized and then the MA D can be explored. If the child is approved under a HHW category, the SIL budget will not be applied (see IHCPPM 3315.00.00).