

Home & Community Based Waiver Eligibility Definition – Effective October 1, 2020

Developmental disabilities waiver services are intended for eligible recipients who have developmental disabilities limited to intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition as determined by DOH/DDSD. The developmental disability must reflect the person's need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic treatment or other supports and services that are lifelong or of extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. The eligible recipient must also require the level of care provided in an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID, in accordance with 8.313.2 NMAC, and meet all other applicable financial and non-financial eligibility requirements.

Intellectual Disability (ID)

An individual is considered to have an intellectual disability if she/he has significantly sub-average general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.

- a. General intellectual functioning is defined as the results obtained by assessment with one or more of the individually administered general intelligence tests developed for the purpose of assessing intellectual functioning.
- b. Significantly sub-average is defined as approximately IQ of 70 or below.
- c. Adaptive behavior is defined as the effectiveness or degree with which individuals meet the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected for age and cultural group. Deficits in Adaptive Behavior is defined as two standard deviations below mean (≤ 70).
- d. The developmental period is defined as the period of time between birth and the 18th birthday.

Related Condition (RC)

An individual is considered to have a related condition if she/he has a severe, chronic disability that meets all of the following:

- a. Is attributable to a condition, other than mental illness, found to be closely related to ID because this condition results in limitations in general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with ID and requires similar treatment or services
- b. Is manifested before the person reaches age twenty-two (22) years
- c. Likely to continue indefinitely
- d. Results in Substantial Functional Limitations (Adaptive Behavior scores ≤ 70) in 3 or more of the following areas:
 - i. Self-care
 - ii. Receptive and expressive language
 - iii. Learning
 - iv. Mobility
 - v. Self-direction
 - vi. Capacity for independent living
 - vii. Economic self-sufficiency