

What is the Medically Fragile Waiver?

This waiver program provides services to individuals who have been determined to have both a medically fragile condition and a developmental disability or risk for DD. It provides support to families by providing assistance to individuals to remain being cared for in their home.

What makes a person eligible?

To qualify for services, the individual (usually a child) must meet both the *medical and financial* criteria. For medical eligibility, both a *medically fragile* condition and a *developmental disability* must be present and diagnosed prior to the age of 22. A person who is medically fragile needs ongoing skilled nursing care, evaluation and decision making due to a complex chronic medical condition. Someone who is medically fragile might need special equipment to live such as monitors, ventilators or feeding pumps. They might need special treatments such as dialysis or ongoing oxygen in order to maintain their health.

To meet the criteria for a developmental disability, the individual must have an intellectual disability *or* a related condition (such as cerebral palsy, seizure disorder, autism), *and* a developmental disability or risk for Developmental delay. The disability must have occurred before age 22. For additional details on eligibility go to the website:

<https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/mfw/family/>

For financial eligibility, only the resources of the person with the medically fragile condition and developmental disability must meet the income guidelines for financial eligibility. Eligibility is based on the income and resources of the person applying, not the parents.

To Apply

Contact the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Regional Office to complete the **REGISTRATION FORM – HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVERS AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ICF/IID) over the phone**. Applications may also be taken at the DDSD - MFW office in Clinical Services or the UNM MFW Case Management Program (505) 272-2910. They will take the information and mail the applicant a copy of the form with a date stamped receipt,

Remember:

- Medically Fragile Waiver recipients also receive Medicaid benefits, even if they were not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.
- For more information, contact the Medically Fragile Waiver program, the DDSD Medically Fragile Waiver Manager at 505-841-2913 or the Intake and Eligibility Office, or go to: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/mfw/>

Once funding is available and an allocation is offered, recipients can choose the Medically Fragile Waiver or the Mi Via Self-Directed Waiver, which may offer more flexible services and supports.

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Current Services Provided:

- Case Management by Registered Nurses
- Private Duty Nursing (RN, LPN)
- Home Health Aide
- Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy
- Behavioral Supports
- Nutritional Counseling
- Respite (RN, LPN, or HHA)
- Environmental Modification Services

Medically Fragile Waiver Program

800-283-8415

505-841-2913

(ask for Medically Fragile Waiver Program)

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DDSD Intake and Eligibility Office

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