

BSW 411 Eligibility for Services: Individuals with Intellectual-Developmental Disabilities and Severe Disabling Mental Illness

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy section is to clarify how ~~an individual~~ individuals with ~~an Intellectual-Developmental~~ Intellectual-Developmental Disabilities (IDD) or ~~a~~ Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) ~~individual~~ can be ~~dual~~ eligible for the Big Sky Waiver program.

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~~0208-WAIVER~~ DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WAIVER

The Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) provides 0208 Comprehensive Waiver services to ~~persons determined eligible for this service~~ eligible individuals with developmental disabilities. It provides a variety of community-based support services for children, youth, and adults, including those diagnosed on the autism spectrum. For information about services for individuals with developmental disabilities, visit: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities>. ~~These services provide more extensive options within community-based options. DDP contracts with private, non-profit corporations to provide long term services and supports to these individuals. Service programs are located in communities throughout Montana and provide an array of residential, work opportunities, and case management for adults and support services for children.~~

MONTANA MILESTONES/PART C EARLY INTERVENTION

Montana Milestones/Part C of the IDEA Early Intervention Program is Montana's comprehensive system of early intervention services and supports for families who have infants and toddlers from birth through age three with significant development delays or disabilities. For more information about Part C, visit: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/montanamilestones>.

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CHILDREN SERVICES

By a child's eighth birthday, an eligibility determination must be completed by the DDP Eligibility Specialist unless the child has been determined At-Risk as defined in administrative

~~rule. At-Risk children may also be placed on the 0208 Waiver waitlist. For information about these services, visit the website at: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities>.~~

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SEVERE DISABLING MENTAL ILLNESS WAIVER

The ~~Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) provides Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver services to eligible adults~~ program provides home-based services to persons that have a severe disabling mental illness and require long term services. For information about services ~~to for~~ individuals with mental health disabilities, visit ~~the website at:~~ <http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices>.

DUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR WAIVERS

~~People may be found eligible for more than one waiver program.~~ The Department contracts with Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH) to determine eligibility for all of Montana's waiver programs. ~~The MPQH determines whether applicants meet~~ Level of Care (LOC) ~~requirements through a screening is used to determine if an individual meets the criteria for medical eligibility for nursing facility services process.~~

~~During the initial LOC screening, if~~ MPQH discovers ~~additional information that the individual may be eligible for other waiver services~~ multiple waiver programs, they will refer the applicant to the applicable programs. ~~MPQH will request a Level One screen. A Level One screen determines eligibility for the 0208 or SDMI Waiver.~~

Similarly, children birth through three may be found eligible for Part C Early Intervention services as well as Big Sky Waiver services.

Despite being eligible for more than one program (waiver and/or Part C), individuals can only receive services from one program at a time. Individuals and families are given a choice between programs based on what best meets their needs and availability/waiting list.

WAIT LIST AND ENROLLMENT

An individual found ~~to be~~ eligible for the Big Sky Waiver as well as another waiver such as 0208 Comprehensive Waiver or SDMI Waiver may be placed on both waiver wait lists at the same time. These individuals may be enrolled in either waiver program and remain on ~~another the~~ other waiver wait list.

However, the individual cannot receive ~~two~~ waiver services from two waiver programs at the same time. ~~The An individual who is that has eligible for two waiver programs dual eligibility~~ must choose which waiver program service best meets their needs.

EXAMPLE:

If a child is on the Big Sky Waiver and has been determined eligible for 0208 Waiver, s/he can be receiving services from Big Sky Waiver as well as be placed on the wait list for the 0208 Comprehensive Waiver.

Once the child has been determined eligible and placed on the 0208 Comprehensive Waiver wait list, the child may continue to receive services through Big Sky Waiver until the child has been selected for a 0208 Comprehensive Waiver slot. At that time, the individual must choose which waiver service best meets their needs.

EXAMPLE:

~~Individuals that are currently receiving services on the Big Sky Waiver may also be placed on the SDMI Waiver wait list. If the individual is offered a SDMI Waiver slot, the individual must choose which waiver service best meets their needs.~~

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