

Eligibility Requirements

Can you answer yes to all these questions?

1. The child must be under the age of 18.
2. The child must have a developmental disability as defined in Michigan state law. A developmental disability is not based on diagnosis. Instead, a developmental disability is based on documented evidence of “substantial functional limitations” in three or more of the following areas (considering the age of the child):
 1. Self-care (bathing, grooming, dressing, toileting, eating);
 2. Expressive and receptive language;
 3. Learning;
 4. Mobility;
 5. Self-direction;
 6. If a child is age 16 or older, capacity for economic self-sufficiency and independent living can be considered.
3. The child must have identified needs for a consistent, aggressive program of in-home services and supports focused on developing skills for the child to function with as much independence as possible and/or to prevent the loss of current abilities.
4. The child must live with a birth or legally adoptive parent or with a relative who has been named the legal guardian by the court (and who is not paid to provide foster care for the child).
5. Other requirements and service descriptions can be found in the Children’s Waiver Program section of the Medicaid Provider Manual.



Contact Us

Jackson Location

1200 N West Ave
Jackson, MI 49202
Phone: 517.789.1200
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-7pm

Hillsdale Location

25 Care Dr
Hillsdale, MI 49242
Phone: 517.439.2641
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-6pm

24-Hour Crisis Line: 1.800.284.8288

Customer Services: 1.866.630.3690

Podemos proporcionar servicios para usted en su idioma. Por favor, llame al 517.789.1200.



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CHILDREN’S WAIVER PROGRAM



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To start the process, contact LifeWays Community Mental Health (517.789.1200) and request an assessment for a pre-screen for the Children's Waiver Program.

1. Contact the LifeWays Access Department
 - a. When you call the Access Department, be prepared to describe your child's needs, their functional limitations, the in-home help and services you are requesting, and your family's income and resources (including private insurance and Medicaid eligibility).
2. An assessment is made by the Community Mental Health Services Program. Based on the assessment, a prescreen may be submitted through the on-line system by the assigned Community Mental Health Services Program staff person. Prescreens are scored using the Priority Weighing Criteria. After scoring, the assigned staff person will contact the family, or the family can contact the staff person if there are questions.
3. When an opening occurs on the CWP, an invitation to apply is issued to the child with the highest updated score that meets all requirements at that time. Medicaid status is checked before invitations to apply are issued. If your child receives an invitation to apply, you will be contacted to make sure you still want to apply for the Children's Waiver Program.

