Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities (Adult Buy-In)
Benefit Update
Effective December 1, 2012

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Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver access for Adult Buy-In

- All clients in the Adult Buy-In program will continue to receive Regular Medicaid benefits
- HCBS benefits are now available to qualified clients in the Adult Buy-In program through the Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD) or Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) waiver, effective December 1, 2012
- To receive the additional HCBS benefits through the Adult Buy-In, clients must:
  - Meet the eligibility criteria for the Adult Buy-In program;
  - Be at least 18 years old; AND
  - Meet the functional and targeting criteria for the EBD or CMHS waiver

Adult Buy-In Eligibility Determination

The application process for individuals seeking medical assistance through the Adult Buy-In program has not changed. Eligibility for the Adult Buy-In program is determined by an eligibility site: a county department of human/social services or a Medical Assistance site. Please refer to the Adult Buy-In FAQs for more information on Adult Buy-In eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Functional Eligibility Determination for Adult Buy-In Clients

In addition to an eligibility determination for the Adult Buy-In, a functional assessment is required if HCBS benefits are needed.

A functional assessment will determine whether the client meets the functional and targeting criteria for the EBD or CMHS waiver in order to receive the additional benefits. This assessment can only be provided by a Single Entry Point (SEP) agency.

- To receive a functional needs assessment for EBD or CMHS waiver benefits:
  - ***Existing Adult Buy-In Clients:***
    - Contact a local SEP agency for a functional needs assessment
  - ***New Applicants:***
    - Individuals seeking medical assistance through the Adult Buy-In should follow the application process outlined in the FAQs posted on the Adult Buy-In Web page; AND
    - Contact a local SEP agency for a functional needs assessment if HCBS benefits are needed
  - ***Existing Medicaid/HCBS Clients Transitioning to the Adult Buy-In:***
    - Existing clients whose situation is changing or expected to change should work with an eligibility technician to avoid potential gaps in coverage

Benefit Information

- All applicants who are eligible for the Adult Buy-In program will receive Regular Medicaid benefits
- Adult Buy-In clients who also meet the program and targeting criteria for the EBD waiver will also have access to:
  - Adult day services
  - Personal emergency response system
  - Home modifications
  - Non-medical transportation
  - Consumer Directed Attendant Supportive Services (CDASS)
  - Alternate care facilities
  - Personal care
  - Homemaker services
  - Respite Care
  - In-Home Support Services (IHSS)
  - Community transition services
- Adult Buy-In clients who also meet the program and targeting criteria for the CMHS waiver will also have access to:
  - Adult day services
  - Personal emergency response system
  - Home modifications
  - Non-medical transportation
  - Consumer Directed Attendant Supportive Services (CDASS)
  - Alternate care facilities
  - Personal care
  - Homemaker services
  - Respite care

Resource Links

- Agency Letter #12-012 for county departments of human/social services, Single Entry Point (SEP) agencies, Community Center Boards (CCBs) and private case management agencies: Colorado.gov/hcpf > Partners & Researchers > County and Medical Assistance Site > Agency Letters > 2012 Agency Letters
- Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities Web page: Colorado.gov/hcpf/MedicaidBuyInPrograms
- Find a county department of human/social services and Medical Assistance sites: Colorado.gov/hcpf > Partners & Researchers > County and Medical Assistance Site
- Find a local SEP agency on the Department Web site at: Colorado.gov/hcpf > Clients & Applicants > Long-Term Care > Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies
- Application for Medical Assistance / Medicaid Disability Application & Release Form: Colorado.gov/hcpf > Applications
- Online application Medical/Food/Cash Assistance: Colorado.gov/PEAK

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