Waiver programs provide additional First Health Colorado benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits and criteria, and tells you how to apply for Health First Colorado under a waiver. For some people, a waiver is the only way to qualify for Health First Colorado.

Who provides the service?

- Persons with brain injury as defined in the Colorado Code of Regulations with specific diagnostic codes
- Persons with a diagnosis of major mental illness as defined in the Colorado Code of Regulations with specific diagnostic codes
- Elderly persons with a functional impairment aged 65 or blind or physically disabled persons aged 18-64
- Persons with a spinal cord injury as defined in the Colorado Code of Regulation with specific diagnostic codes
- Persons, who can either live independently with limited support or support which they receive from other sources, such as family

Who determines the eligible person needs?

- Member
- Case Manager
- Family or legal guardian

Is there a waiting list?

- Yes
- No

Who collects the enrollment cap on the program?

- None

What is the primary purpose of this waiver?

- To provide a home or community based alternative to hospital or specialized nursing facility care for persons with major mental illness
- To provide a home or community based alternative to nursing facility care for persons with major mental illness
- To provide a home or community based alternative to nursing facility care for persons with an adjacent medical condition

What ages are served?

- Age 16 and older
- Age 18 and older
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Where to apply?

- Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies
- Community Centered Boards (CCB)

How do I apply?

- Visit www.colorado.gov/health-first-colorado-waiver
- Call 1-866-368-303 for current information
- And countable resources less than $2,000 for a single person or $3,000 for a couple

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