

Host Home Fact Sheet for Residents and Advocates

About Host Homes: A host home is a shared living arrangement in which people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and people without disabilities choose to live together. Individuals in the community are paid through Medicaid to allow people with I/DD to live in their homes. A maximum of three people with I/DD may live in a host home.¹ While living in a host home, you can receive support services, including peer mentorship, supported employment, day habilitation programming, and non-medical transportation.²

Requesting to Live in a Host Home: In order to live in a host home, you must qualify for a Medicaid Home and Community Based Services, Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver.³

➔ *Step 1: Contact your Community Centered Board to apply for a HCBS-DD waiver.*⁴

A Community Centered Board (CCB) is a social services organization that the state of Colorado approves to enroll people with I/DD in HCBS-DD waivers and provide case management services.⁵ To get a HCBS-DD waiver, you must:

- Be 18 years old⁶
- Have a developmental disability, as determined by a CCB⁷
- Need supports or services 24 hours per day⁸
- Have income less than \$2,742 monthly⁹
- Have resources less than \$2,000 if you are single or \$3,000 if you are married¹⁰
- Complete a Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Assessment¹¹

¹ 10 Code of Colorado Regulations 2505-10 8.609.7(A)(1)(d)(i), <https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=10206&fileName=10%20CCR%202505-10%208.600>.

² 10 Code of Colorado Regulations 2505-10 8.500.5.A, <https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=10394&fileName=10%20CCR%202505-10%208.500>.

³ See 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.1(W); *Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD)*, COLO. DEP'T OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FIN., <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/developmental-disabilities-waiver-dd> (last visited Oct. 24, 2022).

⁴ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.11.A.

⁵ The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) annually designates CCBs to coordinate Medicaid HCBS-DD services. 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.601.1(A); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.615.1(D).

⁶ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.4.A.

⁷ *Id.*; see also 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.607.2.

⁸ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.4.A.

⁹ The income limit for HCBS-DD is three times the current SSI monthly allotment. The current SSI monthly allotment is \$914, and \$914 multiplied by three is \$2,742. *Id.*; *SSI Federal Payment Amounts For 2023*, SOC. SEC. ADMIN., <https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/SSI.html> (last visited Oct. 24, 2022).

¹⁰ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.4.A.

¹¹ Your level of care must meet the federal definition of "Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID)," which will be determined by a CCB through the SIS Assessment. 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.4.A; see also 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.612.1.

Once a CCB completes your disability determination and SIS Assessment, they will send you a letter within 11 business days, and the letter will tell you if you get a HCBS-DD waiver.¹² If you are denied a HCBS-DD waiver, you have a right to appeal.¹³ If you are approved, then your CCB will coordinate an interdisciplinary team who will work with you to create an Individualized Plan.¹⁴ Find your local CCB [here](#).

➔ *Step 2: Your CCB will connect you with a Program Approved Service Agency.* CCBs contract with Program Approved Service Agencies (PASAs) to provide the supports and services in your Individualized Plan.¹⁵ The referral from your CCB to a PASA in your area is called a Request for Provider.¹⁶ You have the right to choose from all the PASAs in your area, and the CCB is required to give you information about them.¹⁷ The PASA you choose will then work with you to create an Individual Service and Support Plan.¹⁸

➔ *Step 3: Work with your PASA to find a host home.* PASAs contract with families and community members to offer host homes.¹⁹ It is your choice if you want to live in a host home or another place in the community.²⁰ Before you move into your host home, the PASA will visit the home and make sure that there is a working fire extinguisher, smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors.²¹ The PASA will continue to visit your host home at least once every three months.²² The PASA must train your host home provider in the supports and services you need based on your Individual Service and Support Plan.²³ They must also receive training on your rights as a resident and on preventing abuse and neglect.²⁴ Host home providers must pass a Colorado Adult Protective Services Program check, and everyone living in your host home who is over 18 years old must pass a criminal background check.²⁵

Your Rights: As a host home resident, you have the right to:

- Manage you own money and possessions²⁶
- Have your own bedroom, unless you choose to share with a roommate²⁷
- Have a key to your host home and a lock on your bedroom and bathroom doors²⁸
- Access to the kitchen and the common areas of the house²⁹

¹² 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.16.A.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.607.4(A).

¹⁵ The CCBs select and approve the PASAs, which are then, in turn, approved by HCPF. 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.602.1(A); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.603(B).

¹⁶ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.607.5(A).

¹⁷ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.602.4(A); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.602.4(B).

¹⁸ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.608.1(A).

¹⁹ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(8).

²⁰ See 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(2)(a).

²¹ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(A)(12); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(C)(10); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(C)(11).

²² 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(A)(12).

²³ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(3)(a).

²⁴ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(3)(b).

²⁵ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(A)(9)(c); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(9).

²⁶ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(B)(1).

²⁷ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(2)(b).

²⁸ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(B)(2).

²⁹ *Id.*; 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(12)(b).

- Access to food at all times and choice of when, where, and what you want to eat³⁰
- 15-day notification prior to any proposed changes with your host home placement and a right to appeal any proposed changes through your PASA's grievance procedure³¹
- Annual notification of your PASA's grievance procedure³²
- Participate in your PASA's consumer satisfaction survey, which must occur at least every 2 years³³

Your rights may only be temporarily suspended if you were to harm yourself or others, and they may only be suspended by a qualified professional in consultation with your interdisciplinary team.³⁴ You must be notified before your rights are suspended.³⁵ Your CCB's Human Rights Committee must review the proposed suspension and give you a chance to provide information.³⁶

Filing a Complaint: If you have a problem with your host home, you can follow your PASA's grievance procedure. You can also file a complaint with [the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing](#) or [the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#).

³⁰ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(12)(b).

³¹ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(B)(3).

³² 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(B)(4).

³³ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(A)(2).

³⁴ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.604.3(A).

³⁵ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.604.3(A)(1).

³⁶ 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.604.3(A)(4).