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. While living in a host home, you can receive support services, including peer mentorship, supported employment, day habilitation programming, and non-medical transportation.

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.

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

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. To get a HCBS-DD waiver, you must:

• Be 18 years old
• Have a developmental disability, as determined by a CCB
• Need supports or services 24 hours per day
• Have income less than $2,742 monthly
• Have resources less than $2,000 if you are single or $3,000 if you are married
• Complete a Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Assessment

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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.\textsuperscript{12} If you are denied a HCBS-DD waiver, you have a right to appeal.\textsuperscript{13} If you are approved, then your CCB will coordinate an interdisciplinary team who will work with you to create an Individualized Plan.\textsuperscript{14} Find your local CCB \textit{here}. 

\textbf{\textit{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.\textsuperscript{15} The referral from your CCB to a PASA in your area is called a Request for Provider.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{17} The PASA you choose will then work with you to create an Individual Service and Support Plan.\textsuperscript{18}

\textbf{\textit{Step 3: Work with your PASA to find a host home.}}

PASAs contract with families and community members to offer host homes.\textsuperscript{19} It is your choice if you want to live in a host home or another place in the community.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{21} The PASA will continue to visit your host home at least once every three months.\textsuperscript{22} The PASA must train your host home provider in the supports and services you need based on your Individual Service and Support Plan.\textsuperscript{23} They must also receive training on your rights as a resident and on preventing abuse and neglect.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{25}

\textbf{Your Rights:} As a host home resident, you have the right to:

- Manage your own money and possessions\textsuperscript{26}
- Have your own bedroom, unless you choose to share with a roommate\textsuperscript{27}
- Have a key to your host home and a lock on your bedroom and bathroom doors\textsuperscript{28}
- Access to the kitchen and the common areas of the house\textsuperscript{29}

\textsuperscript{12} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.500.16.A.
\textsuperscript{13} Id.
\textsuperscript{14} 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).
\textsuperscript{15} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.607.4(A).
\textsuperscript{16} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.602.1(A); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.603(B).
\textsuperscript{17} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.602.4(A); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.603(B).
\textsuperscript{18} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.608.1(A).
\textsuperscript{19} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(B).
\textsuperscript{20} See 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(2)(a).
\textsuperscript{21} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(2)(a).\textsuperscript{12}; 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(C)(10); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(C)(11).
\textsuperscript{22} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(3)(a).
\textsuperscript{23} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(3)(b).
\textsuperscript{24} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(9).\textsuperscript{3}(c); 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(9).
\textsuperscript{25} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(1).
\textsuperscript{26} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(2)(b).
\textsuperscript{27} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(2).
\textsuperscript{28} 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 eat\textsuperscript{30}
- 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 procedure\textsuperscript{31}
- Annual notification of your PASA’s grievance procedure\textsuperscript{32}
- Participate in your PASA’s consumer satisfaction survey, which must occur at least every 2 years\textsuperscript{33}

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.\textsuperscript{34} You must be notified before your rights are suspended.\textsuperscript{35} Your CCB’s Human Rights Committee must review the proposed suspension and give you a chance to provide information.\textsuperscript{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.

\textsuperscript{30} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.7(B)(12)(b).
\textsuperscript{31} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(B)(3).
\textsuperscript{32} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(B)(4).
\textsuperscript{33} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.609.5(A)(2).
\textsuperscript{34} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.604.3(A).
\textsuperscript{35} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.604.3(A)(1).
\textsuperscript{36} 10 C.C.R. 2505-10 8.604.3(A)(4).