

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a waiting list?

There is a waiting list for the Home and Community Based Services (HCS) program. The HCS waiting list is a statewide list but each community center maintains the HCS waiting list for people in their service area.

What if I move, will I remain on the HCS waiting list?

You will remain on the statewide HCS waiting list if you move anywhere inside of Texas. If you move, you should notify your community center and provide new contact information because you can be removed from the HCS waiting list if you cannot be contacted. If you move out of Texas you will be removed from the HCS waiting list.

How do I find out if I am already on the waiting list?

To find out if you are on the HCS waiting list or for general information about the HCS program, please call 713-970-3449.

Why do I need to sign up now?

Individuals are offered HCS services in the order that they are placed on the statewide HCS waiting list. Because it is estimated that the waiting time for HCS services may be from eight (8) to ten (10) years, it is important to get on the waiting list as early as possible.

Do you have to move out of your home to receive HCS?

No. A person can receive HCS services in the family home, in their own home, in a foster home or in a residence operated by the HCS provider.

Can I change providers once I enroll?

Yes. You can change providers as often as you want. To view a list of current HCS providers, visit mhmraharris.org

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Have you made the call?

Sign-up for the Home and Community based Services (HCS) program **TODAY!**

You can sign-up 24 hours a day/7 days a week by calling **(713) 970-7799.**

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What is HCS?

'HCS' is **H**ome and **C**ommunity based **S**ervices. The HCS program provides community based services and supports to eligible persons as an alternative to the Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) program.

Services are available to persons living in their own home and living with their family or paid companion.

Services may also be provided to persons living in small group homes where no more than four persons may live.

Who is Eligible for Services?

Adults and children with mental retardation or a related condition who:

- meet the Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Level of Care (LOC) 1 criteria,
- are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or eligible for Medicaid under one of the optional Medicaid groups covered by the HCS program,
- require services that do not exceed the cost limits set by the state of Texas,
- are not enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program, and
- choose to participate in the HCS program instead of the ICF/IID Program.

Service Coordination

Everybody who is enrolled in the HCS program will have a Service Coordinator who:

- coordinates the development and implementation of the person's Individual Service Plan (ISP),
- coordinates various aspects of services delivered under the HCS Program and through other sources,
- keeps track of the person's progress or lack of progress toward their goals, and
- reviews issues related to rights, safety, and health.



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For questions or concerns: (713) 970-3449

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What Services are Offered?

A planning team which includes the person, the Legally Authorized Representative (LAR), Service Coordinator, a nurse, and other persons chosen by the person or LAR develops a plan of services.

The plan describes the goals, services, and supports the person needs to ensure his/her health and welfare in the community and to prevent institutional placement.

The services may include:

- Supported Home Living
- Day Habilitation
- Nursing
- Supported Employment
- Dental Treatment
- Adaptive Aids
- Minor Home Modifications
- Respite
- Specialized Therapies
- Residential Assistance

How Do I Enroll?

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