

General Policy Clarification: What a Family Needs To Know

To get services for your family member who has a developmental disability you must do four things:

1. You must get paperwork saying that your family member has a developmental disability.
2. You must fill out special state OMRDD forms.
3. You must apply for government benefits that pay for the services your family member needs. These benefits are: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, and in some cases Social Security.
4. With help from your service provider you must sign up for the "OMRDD Home and Community Based Services Waiver" if you want to receive HCBS Waiver services.

What happens if you don't apply for benefits?

If you do not apply for benefits to pay for services for your family member, you will have to pay the service provider for the services.

What happens if you apply for benefits but don't get them?

If you apply for government benefits for your family member and are turned down you must show your family member's service provider the papers from the government saying that your family member cannot get the benefit. We will discuss next steps with you.