

Frequently Asked Questions

What is HCBA?

The Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver (formerly known as the Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital NF/AH Waiver) provides care management services to persons of any age at risk for nursing home or institutional placement. The care management services are provided by a nurse and social worker.

What services are available?

Based on medical need, we are able to authorize Waiver Personal Care Services. WPCS hours are intended to supplement In Home Supportive Services IHSS hours. Nursing, respite, and habilitation services may also be available. There are funds available for some home adaptations.

What if I am not a Sonoma County resident?

This program is available state wide. Give us a call at (707)565-6440 and we can direct you to the agency administering the HCBA Waiver in your area.

What if I don't have Medi-Cal?

You must apply for Medi-Cal in order to be eligible for HCBA services.

Special Medi-Cal Eligibility Rules

If you are currently on a wait list for the HCBA Waiver, special Medi-Cal eligibility rules may apply to you if you are:

- Married or in a registered domestic partnership and
- Meet the medical requirement as verified by your doctor's verification form.

Is there a Waitlist for services?

There is no waitlist for clients under age 21 or turning 21 and aging out of the EPSDT program. We currently have a waitlist for other clients applying to the program. Clients will be served on a first-come first-served basis.

What if I am currently hospitalized, in a Skilled Nursing Facility SNF, or long term rehabilitation facility and I want to be discharged home and need support services?

The Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver gives top priority for enrollment to clients who are trying to transition home after being in an institutional setting for more than 90 days. Complete an application and we will work with the facility discharge planner to see if you qualify and how we might assist.