# Georgia Medicaid Waiver

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# *Objective*

-Define GA Medicaid Waivers

-Provide an understanding of the NOW/COMP Medicaid Waiver

-Educate On The Services Provided Through NOW/COMP Waiver

-Define Who Is Typically Eligible For the NOW/COMP Waiver

- Explain How To Apply for the NOW/COMP Medicaid Waiver

# What Is A Georgia Medicaid Waiver?

**Medicaid waiver programs help people who are elderly or have disabilities live in their home or community instead of an institution such as a nursing home or intermediate care facility for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.**

# New Options (NOW) Waiver

The NOW waiver program offers services and supports to individuals to enable them to remain living in their own or family home and participate or live independently in the community.

## Which One Will We Qualify For?

Determined via application process and medical necessity



# Comprehensive (COMP) Waiver

The COMP waiver program, which serves individuals with more intensive needs, primarily provides residential care for individuals with I/ DD. These individuals require comprehensive and intensive services and need out-of-home residential support and supervision or intensive levels of in home services to remain in the community

# NOW/COMP Waiver Program Services

Adult Dental Services
Adult Occupational Therapy Services

Adult Speech and Language Therapy Services

Assistive Technology

Community Access Services
Community Living Support Services

Community Residential Alternative Services

Financial Support Services

Nutrition Services
Pre-vocational Services

Respite Out-of-Home 15-minute Services

Specialized Medical Supplies Services
Intensive Support Coordination Services
Transportation Services

Adult Nursing Service
Adult Physical Therapy Services

Additional Staffing Services

Behavioral Supports Services

Community Guide Services
Interpreter Services

Environmental Accessibility

Individual Directed Goods and Services

Natural Support Training Services
Respite Services

Specialized Medical Equipment Services

Support Coordination Services
Supported Employment Services
Vehicle Adaption Services

# *Developmental*

- -Develops before the age of 22

- -Difficulty in learning, development (language, growth, intellect, behaviors etc)

- -Severe and Chronic

- -Lifelong

- -Impacts

  Self care, economic care, self direction, independence

The NOW/COMP waiver serves individuals with intellectual disabilities or other closely related conditions, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or neurological problems.

# *Specific Qualifications*

-Categorically eligible Medicaid recipients

-Have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability and/or a closely related condition

-Currently receiving the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that is reimbursable under the State Plan, and for whom home- and community-based services are determined to be an appropriate alternative

-Likely to require the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that would be reimbursable under the State Plan in the absence of home- and community-based services that are determined to be an appropriate alternative

# *Application Process*
https://www.georgiacollaborative.com/individuals-families/iddconnects/

- *Application Review by staff*
- *Pre-Eligibility*
- *Approval By Psychologist*
- *Review By External*
- *Planning List*
- *Funding*

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