

## The NC Innovations Waiver

The [NC Innovations Waiver](#) is a Federally approved 1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver (HCBS Waiver) designed to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual or development disabilities (I/DD) who prefer to get long-term care services and supports in their home or community, rather than in an institutional setting.

The [NC Innovations Waiver](#) offers a wide array of [services and supports](#) intended to empower people with disabilities to live the life they choose in the community of their choice. Waiver services are administered by a [Local Management Entity /Managed Care Organization \(LME/MCO\)](#) which facilitates services and oversees a network of community-based service providers. Individuals who receive waiver funding work with their team to develop a Person-centered Plan of Care and request the [services and supports](#) they need to live in their home and community.

The [LME/MCO](#) that you should contact is usually determined by where you live. Use the [LME/MCO Directory](#) to determine a starting point if you are interested in seeking services and supports through the [NC Innovations Waiver](#). Contact the [LME/MCO](#) and inform them that you are interested in being considered for [NC Innovations Waiver](#).

If you are eligible, your [LME/MCO](#) can help you get services. There are only a certain number of NC Innovations Waiver slots. If the slots are full, your name will be added to the Registry of Unmet Needs and your [LME/MCO](#) will review any services or community resources that may be available to you while you wait for the [NC Innovations Waiver](#).