



Individual and Family Support (IFS) Waiver Fact Sheet

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Overview

The new **Individual and Family Support (IFS) Waiver** offers a full range of health and clinical services for people with disabilities who have complex support needs and reside in their natural home. It provides individuals and their families with an alternative to institutional services and promotes community inclusion and independence.

- For District residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who live in an independent environment, either in their own home or with family or friends.
- Capped at \$75,000 per person per Individual Service Plan (ISP) year.
- Offers eighteen (18) services currently available under the HCBS IDD Waiver and adds a new service: Education Supports Services.
- All current HCBS IDD Waiver providers are automatically approved to be an IFS Waiver provider.
- The IFS waiver rates align with the HCBS IDD waiver service rates.

Services

- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Supports
- Companion (Individual)
- Creative Arts Therapies
- Day Habilitation
- Employment Readiness
- Family Training (Individual)
- Individualized Day Supports
- In-Home Supports
- Parenting Supports
- Personal Care
- Physical Therapy
- Respite
- Skilled Nursing
- Speech, Hearing, and Language (Individual)
- Supported Employment
- Occupational Therapy
- Wellness (Nutrition, Fitness, Bereavement, and Massage)
- Education Supports (**NEW**)



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New Service

Education Supports is a new service under the IFS Waiver. This service provides classes to teach participants who are deaf or hard of hearing American Sign Language, Visual Gestural Communication or another form of communication. People interested in this service must demonstrate a need or benefit for learning ASL or another form of communication. Other limitations include:

- A maximum of four classes per person per ISP year.
- Cost may not exceed \$1,250 per class.
- Reimbursement of tuition may not exceed \$35,000 in a person's lifetime.

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