

more DD waivers are vital



What is a developmental disability?

A lifelong disability that begins before age 22 and significantly impacts a person's daily life in at least three ways such as self-care, mobility, or communication.

What is a DD waiver?

Georgians with developmental disabilities rely on Medicaid NOW and COMP waivers for the long-term care and supports they need to remain living in their community.

Why do we need more DD waivers?

Because there is a waiting list of 8,658¹ people with developmental disabilities who desperately need services.

What happens when someone does not have a DD waiver?

Without support from Medicaid waivers, such as the NOW and COMP waiver, people's lives are at risk, vulnerable to being stuck in segregated settings such as nursing facilities. A family member might have to quit their job provide support. People may even die without care.

A DD waiver means you get to live in and be a part of your community, working at a small business in your community, attending the church of your choice, or putting money back into local economies by eating at restaurants and employing caregivers.

Please support the Governor's recommendation for 125 new NOW/COMP waivers. Ask also for an additional 475 waivers, so that 600 new NOW/COMP waiver slots are added to the FY 19 Budget, at a total cost of \$15 million.

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