

## What are the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Medicaid Waivers?

Wisconsin has three CLTS Waivers for children with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and severe emotional disturbances. The purpose of the waivers is to help families support their children with severe disabilities within their own home. The CLTS Waivers are funded through Medicaid and local funding. They are known as Medicaid Waivers because the federal government “waived” certain regulations so that Medicaid dollars can pay for services in the community. The CLTS Waivers began in 2003 and were developed as a part of the Children’s Long-Term Support Redesign Project in Wisconsin.

## Who is eligible for the CLTS Waivers?

The CLTS Waivers are available to children and youth under the age of 22 who have a developmental disability, physical disability, or severe emotional disturbance. They are available in all counties across Wisconsin.

A child’s eligibility may be determined by contacting your local county CLTS waiver agency or Compass Wisconsin Threshold .

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/areaadmin/hsd-programs.htm>

<http://www.compasswisconsin.org/>

## What possible services do the CLTS Medicaid Waivers pay for?

The CLTS Waivers cover a broad range of services, depending on a child’s and family’s identified needs. Some examples of possible services include:

- Adaptive aids
- Service coordination
- Communication aids
- In-home treatment therapy
- Daily living skills training
- Day services
- Respite
- Home modifications
- Supportive home care

For more information about the services listed above and other services, go to:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/index.htm>



## What is the role of the County?

The county’s role is to assist families and children in the initial application process and service coordination when a child is receiving CLTS Waiver services. This includes working with the family to develop an Individualized Service Plan (ISP) that will include the services and supports that are needed to address the child and family’s unique needs. Service coordinators continue to work with children and their families to assure that all needs are being met over time and under changing circumstances.

## What is the role of the State?

Children’s Services Specialists (CSS) at the State work closely with the county and families. CSS staff:

- Provide consultation and training for families, providers and counties.
- Work with families to answer questions and assist with accessing local programs.

## What is the role of the family?

Parents are active members of the treatment team. They assist in identifying the outcomes based on the needs of the family and child.

Parents are assessed a parental fee which contributes towards the cost of services. The fee is calculated based on household income.

## The Principles of the CLTS Medicaid Waivers:

Family-Centered

Individualized

Outcome-Based

Flexible

Promote Quality of Life



For more information, regarding CLTS  
Waivers visit these websites:

Your local CLTS county contact:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/areaadmin/hsd-programs.htm>

CLTS Council website:

<http://cltscouncil.wisconsin.gov/>

Autism Council website:

<http://autismcouncil.wisconsin.gov/>

Department of Health Services (DHS)  
CLTS website:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/index.htm>

DHS Parental Fee Information website

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/waiver-costs.htm>



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