

WHAT IS THE CARE AT HOME PROGRAM?

The Care-At-Home (CAH) Program provides a Medicaid-financed plan of community-based services to enable severely physically disabled children - who might otherwise qualify for hospital or nursing home placement - to live with their families. All Medicaid and additional services, such as case management and home adaptations, are available to assist a family in caring for their child. The Care at Home Program includes a Medicaid waiver enabling parents normally not eligible to qualify their child for Medicaid.

NEW YORK STATE MEDICAID MODEL WAIVERS CARE AT HOME PROGRAM— I, II, III, IV, and VI

There are currently five Medicaid Model Care At Home Waiver Programs operational in New York State, each with a capacity of 200 slots.

Program	Administrating Agency	Monthly MA Expenditure Cap
Care At Home I – (CAH I) for nursing home level of care	NYSDOH	\$16,000
Care At Home II (CAH II) for Hospital level of care with technology dependence*	NYSDOH	\$19,500
Care At Home III, IV, VI- for ICF or MR level of Care	OMRDD	\$16,000

*Requiring frequent or prolonged device-based respiratory, nutritional, or other vital body function support, with nursing care for disability.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CARE AT HOME PROGRAM?

Two types of programs are administered by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH):

CRITERIA FOR CARE AT HOME I/II:

To be eligible for CAH I/II enrollment, the applicant must:

- Be under the age of 18;
- Be physically disabled, according to the SSI program criteria;
- Require the level of care provided by a skilled nursing facility or hospital; and
- Be capable of being cared for in the community safely.

Children who are Medicaid eligible based on their parent's income and, if applicable, resources, as well as children who are ineligible for Medicaid based on their parents' income and/or resources, may apply for enrollment in the waiver if they meet the qualifications stated above. Individuals under the age of eighteen years of age, who are married, are not eligible for enrollment in the CAH I/II waiver,

CRITERIA FOR CARE AT HOME III, IV, and VI

- Applicant/Child is under 18 years of age;
- Applicant is determined disabled under the Social Security Act;
- Child is ineligible for Medicaid due to the parent's excess income and/or resources;
- Child is Medicaid eligible when the parent's income and/or resources are not counted;
- Child/Applicant can be cared for safely and at no greater cost than in an appropriate facility.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE CARE AT HOME PROGRAM OFFER?

If your child is eligible for the CAH Program, he or she will be enrolled in the New York State Medicaid Program and will have access to all medically necessary services as long as services are obtained by using Medicaid providers.

The Care at Home Program has three additional special waiver programs that are not available through the regular Medicaid Program:

1. **RESPITE CARE** — Respite Care service provides short-term periodic care for your child when your family or the primary caregiver cannot provide necessary care.
2. **CASE MANAGEMENT**— Case Management services assist the family in accessing the full range of resources and programs within the community for which they may be eligible.
3. **HOME ADAPTATION & VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**— Home adaptations and Vehicle modification services are available to improve movement and/or safety for your child within the home and to improve your child's access from the home to the community.

If your family is interested in the
Care At Home Program within
The City of New York, you may call:
212-896-5750