



Saint Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health

**Community Alternative Care (CAC)
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The Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver provides funding for home and community-based services for children and adults who are chronically ill. The CAC Waiver is designed to serve persons with disabilities who would otherwise require the level of care provided in a hospital. CAC Waiver services may be provided in a person's own home, in his/her biological or adoptive family's home, in a relative's home (e.g. sibling, aunt, grandparent etc.), in a family foster care home or corporate foster care home. If married, a person may receive CAC Waiver services while living at home with his or her spouse.

Who is eligible for the CAC Waiver?

Eligibility for the CAC Waiver is determined through a screening process. To be eligible for the CAC Waiver, a person must meet all these criteria:

- Be a Medical Assistance recipient or be eligible for MA
- Require the level of care provided in a hospital
- Be under the age of 65 years when the waiver is opened
- Choose care in the community instead of a hospital
- Be certified as disabled by the Social Security Administration or the State Medical Review Team
- Have a Community Support Plan, which includes assurances of the health and safety for the person

What else is important for participation in the CAC Waiver?

Once eligibility is determined for participation in the CAC Waiver, certain questions must be asked about services including:

- Are the services necessary to ensure the recipient's health, welfare and safety?
- Is the service covered by any other funding source, for example, Medical Assistance state plan services, private health care coverage, Medicare, education or Vocational Rehabilitation Service?
- Have all options been assessed and does this option meet the individual desires, needs and preferences of the person?
- Is the cost of the service considered reasonable and customary?

In addition to services covered by Medical Assistance, what services are available through the CAC Waiver?

- Case management and case aide services
- Extended home health aide and nursing services
- Extended home health therapies
- Extended nutritional therapy
- Extended personal care assistant services
- Extended prescribed medication
- Extended supplies and equipment
- Extended transportation services
- Family counseling and training
- Foster care services
- Homemaker services
- Modifications to the home or vehicle
- Respite care