

EDA – Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver

What is the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Program?

The Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver Program provides certain services in the home or community to elderly or disabled adults who qualify.

This program does not, by itself or in combination with other OAAS programs, provide 24 hour per day supports.

If I qualify, what services may I receive from this program?

- Support Coordination (also known as case management)
- Transition Intensive Support Coordination (provided to people leaving nursing homes)
- Transitional Services (for people going from nursing facilities to the community)
- Personal Assistance Service (supervision or assistance with basic self-care activities or tasks that enable a person to continue living in his/her home; personal assistance may be provided by one worker for up to 3 waiver participants who live together and who have a common direct service provider)
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (home modifications)
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Adult Day Health Care Service (health/medical and social services provided in a community-based center)

Who can qualify for services?

People who:

- Meet Medicaid financial eligibility **AND**
- Are 65 years old or older **OR**
- Are 21 years old or older with a disability that meets the Social Security Administration definition of disability **AND**
- Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care

What are the 2011 income limits?

The income limits are \$2,022 for an individual and \$4,044 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care).

What are the 2011 resource limits?

Resources are the things people own. When we count resources for this program, we do not count the person's home, the car they drive to medical appointments, or other basic resources.

- Single people can have no more than \$2,000 in resources. Couples can have no more than \$3,000 in resources when both spouses need long-term care.
- Married couples can have up to \$109,560 in resources, as long as one spouse at home **does not get** long-term care services.

How can people request Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Services?

The Department keeps an Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver Request for Services Registry (RFSR) (waiting list) of people who have asked for these services, along with the date of the request. Persons are offered the EDA Waiver according to the following priority groups:

(1) People with abuse or neglect referred by Adult Protective Services (APS) or Elderly Protective Services (EPS) who, without EDA Waiver services, would need institutional placement to prevent further abuse and neglect;

(2) People diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

(3) People residing in nursing facilities if they have been approved for a stay of more than 90 days.

(4) People who are not presently receiving home and community based services (HCBS) under another approved Medicaid Waiver program, including, but not limited to, the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver, New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), Supports Waiver, or Residential Options Waiver.

To add your name to the EDA Request for Services Registry or if you have questions call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care at 1-877-456-1146 (TDD: 1-877-544-9544). You can call Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The call is free.