Home and Community Based Services Waiver Funding

- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver is a Medicaid waiver program that is funded by a partnership between the state and federal government US Dept of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The federal state share is dependent upon the economic conditions within a state and varies. Current ratio is approximately 60/40.
- How the money is distributed The state operates a total of four HCBS waivers. Under authority delegated by the SD Department of Social Services the single state Medicaid agency (SSMA), the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Developmental Disabilities operates two HCBS waivers – the comprehensive CHOICES waiver and Family Support 360. For both waivers funding is allocated to participants based on service needs. HCBS funding can be used to serve children and adults. CHOICES Waiver requires a co-pay from the school district if the participant is still eligible for special education. After age 21 or non-eligibility for special education services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities is responsible for the co-pay.

What services does HCBS funding cover?

Comprehensive CHOICES waiver	Family Support 360
Support coordination	Service coordination
Residential Services	Home and vehicle modifications
Day Services	Supported employment
- Segregated day	Personal, respite and companion care
- Supported employment	Specialized medical and adaptive equipment
Nursing	- Incontinent supplies
Other Medical	- Nutritional supplements

Specific exclusions

- Room and board
- Education / tuition

Other limitations

- Must be an approved waiver service
- Must be goal orientated
- Services provided by an alternative funding source, i.e. Rehab funding, transportation

Other funding sources: Local school districts Private pay Vocational Rehabilitation Another State Community Training Services (Adults over 21) - State General Funds