

LifeLinks Day Habilitation Services Eligibility Requirements

The Day Habilitation Program offers a structured, goal-oriented program to facilitate independent living skills in the community. Our program is funded by MassHealth*.

The requirements for eligibility are as follows:

- ◆ Have a documented diagnosis of developmental disability;
- ◆ Need and would benefit from day habilitation services as determined by LifeLinks clinical team;
- ◆ Physician approval to attend day habilitation program;
- ◆ Be age 22 and over. *Individuals between the ages of 18-21 may be eligible for services if they are no longer enrolled in a school system.*

*Please note, individuals who do not have MassHealth may opt to private pay for day habilitation services or have services paid for through another state agency. This option requires approval from and negotiation with the Director of Program Services and Director of Day Habilitation Services. Fee for services is based on the reimbursement rate set forth by MassHealth.

Referral Process

Referrals are generally made by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Service Coordinator. If you have a DDS Service Coordinator, please contact them to proceed with referral to our program. Individuals who are not connected with DDS may self-refer or be referred by another state agency. Please contact the Director of Day Habilitation Services for more information.

Persons who are deemed ineligible for day habilitation services will be notified in writing stating the reasons why the referral was not accepted and recommendations for alternative services.

All referral information received by LifeLinks is confidential and maintained in accordance with agency policies and procedures.

Wait List

Generally, the capacity in LifeLinks Day Habilitation Program is such that there is no waiting list for services. However, if this situation were to occur, entrance into services would be based on the date of referral. The Clinical Director maintains the waiting list and should be contacted regarding status.

Entrance Into Services

If a referral is accepted for entrance into the Day Habilitation Program, a start date will be determined by both parties. An individual's start date is contingent upon receiving all documentation required by MassHealth regulations.

Individuals will be assessed by the LifeLinks Clinical Team who will make recommendations for service delivery. A team meeting will be held within 90 days of entering services to develop a Day Habilitation Support Plan (DHSP). The DHSP is a person-centered plan identifying an individual's skills and abilities, as well as goals and objectives to increase independence. Individuals and their family members are fully included in the process to develop the DHSP.

Individuals entering services will also receive a thorough orientation to the program that includes meeting their Service Manager, clinical staff, and program staff; touring the building and reviewing the evacuation procedures; and reviewing the daily schedule of activities.

This information can be provided in alternative formats such as verbally or through an interpreter. Please ask about these options.