

The Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) manual provides information pertaining to the Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) available to Medicaid members eligible to receive SDMI HCBS waiver services.

The goal of the SDMI HCBS waiver program is to keep members independent in the community for as long as possible and to promote the health and independence of Medicaid members who have a severe disabling mental illness and require long term care.

The waiver is centered on recovery for members living within their community utilizing the supports offered by waiver. Members on the waiver strive to reach their fullest potential with help of service supports offered by the waiver, with an emphasis on social participation, attention to the rights of people with mental illness, and equality. The goal is to integrate members into the community in which they live, wherein they become a valued member of their community. The waiver assists with access to opportunities that exist that allow individuals to contribute at the level which they are capable.