

## The Elderly and Persons with Physical Disabilities Waiver Enrollment FAQ Sheet

### What's the process to get a Home Health Aide?

Apply for the Elderly and Persons with Physical Disability Waiver (EPD Waiver). Learn more at [dacl.dc.gov/service/epd-waiver](http://dacl.dc.gov/service/epd-waiver).

### What is the EPD Waiver?

The EPD Waiver program allows DC residents, who would otherwise require nursing home care, to receive services and supports while living in their home or in assisted living communities. If you need help with activities of daily living such as eating, dressing, toileting, and bathing, then the EPD program may be of help to you.

### What is DACL's role when applying for the EPD Waiver?

DACL's Medicaid Services Enrollment Unit (MES) helps individuals interested in enrolling in the Elderly and Persons with Physical Disabilities Waiver (EPD). This unit provides streamlined access to the EPD Waiver program by assisting with application coordination and submission, and linkage to EPD Waiver case management.

### How do I check the status of my EPD Waiver?

Contact DACL's information and Referral Assistance Unit at (202) 724-5626 or email [epdwaiver.dacl@dc.gov](mailto:epdwaiver.dacl@dc.gov).

### I don't live in DC. Can I get the EPD Waiver?

No, you must be a DC resident to apply for the EPD Waiver. To see what assistance is available, contact your local Department of Aging by using the elder locator at 1-800-677-1116 or [eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx](http://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx).

### I want my child/friend to get paid to provide care for me, what do I do?

You must be approved for the EPD Waiver, then request Services My Way through your EPD Waiver Case manager.

### Do I have to have Medicaid to apply for the EPD Waiver?

No, however, you must be a DC resident and meet the non-financial and financial eligibility requirements.

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**I have Medicaid Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB). Do I still need to apply for the EPD Waiver?**

Yes. QMB helps you to save on the cost of your Medicare premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and Part D prescription drug plan. The EPD Waiver program provides services and supports including a home health aide.

**I am a homeowner. Will Medicaid take my home if I apply for the EPD Waiver?**

The EPD Waiver program does include Estate Recovery. Contact Legal Counsel for the Elderly at (202) 434-2120 or visit [aarp.org/legal-counsel-for-elderly/](http://aarp.org/legal-counsel-for-elderly/) to find out if estate recovery applies to your household.

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