

Texas Home Living (TxHmL)

Individual – A person enrolled in the TxHmL Program

Applicant – A Texas resident seeking services in the TxHmL Program

What is TxHmL?

TxHmL is a Medicaid waiver program that supplies essential services and supports to Texans with an intellectual disability (ID) or a related condition so that they can continue to live in the community.

TxHmL services are intended to **supplement rather than replace** services received from other programs, such as Texas Health Steps, or from natural supports, including families, neighbors or community organizations.

Who can get TxHmL?

TxHmL may be available to any Texas resident living in his or her own home or family's home who:

- Has an IQ of 69 or below or has an approved related condition with an IQ of 75 or below.
- Has mild to severe deficits in adaptive behavior.
- Is eligible for Medicaid benefits.
- Is not enrolled in any other Medicaid waiver program.

What services can TxHmL provide?

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| • Day habilitation | • Behavioral support | • Speech therapy |
| • Respite services | • Community support (transportation) | • Audiology services |
| • Employment services | • Occupational therapy | • Dietary services |
| • Nursing services | • Physical therapy | • Minor home modifications |
| • Dental services | | • Adaptive aids |

The TxHmL provider can also provide personal assistance services, habilitation or emergency response services through the Community First Choice (CFC) program. Individuals can also receive unlimited prescriptions through the Medicaid Vendor Drug Program.

The Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option is available for this program.

Through CDS, individuals who live in their own home or family home can self-direct certain services and will assume and retain responsibility to:

1. Recruit their service providers.
2. Conduct criminal history checks.
3. Determine the competency of service providers.
4. Hire, train, manage and fire their service providers.

All TxHmL services and CFC PAS/HAB are available through the CDS option. Financial management services and support consultation are also available to individuals who choose the CDS Option.

Individuals who use the CDS option must select a financial management services agency (FMSA) that will provide training, pay the service providers, pay federal and state employer taxes, and conduct criminal history checks.

Who provides TxHmL services?

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) contracts with public and private entities to provide TxHmL services. DADS regularly monitors these providers to ensure quality of services. When enrolling in the TxHmL program, applicants choose their provider from a list of available providers in their area. Individuals are able to change providers at any time, even if they move to another area of Texas. Individuals can also choose to hire and train their own service providers under the consumer directed services option.

How soon can TxHmL services begin?

Those interested in receiving TxHmL services are placed on an interest list by the local intellectual and developmental disability authority (LIDDA) until funding becomes available. An offer of the TxHmL program depends on one's date of placement on the interest list. Find the LIDDA that serves your area at www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/search.cfm.

Who can assist with the application process?

Once DADS approves an offer for TxHmL, the LIDDA serving a local service area will assist with the application process, as well as coordinate the enrollment and ongoing services.

For more information please contact: TxHmL@dads.state.tx.us