

The Medical Card and The Waiver...

The HCBS SED Waiver is also known as a 1915c Waiver. This Waiver allows for traditional Medicaid rules to be “waived” so that only the child or youth’s income is assessed to determine financial eligibility.

Children and Youth who meet both Financial and Clinical Eligibility receive a General Medical Card.

What all does that mean?

- The identified child has been determined to meet both financial and clinical eligibility criteria. The CMHC and the Local SRS Office work together to establish HCBS SED Waiver Eligibility.
- The Family has chosen the HCBS SED Waiver.
- The Medical card provides not only for Community Mental Health Services, but for physical health care, prescriptions, eye glasses and dental.
- The Medical Card is issued to cover the entire month in which eligibility was established. (i.e. if the effective date of the Waiver was May 20th, Medicaid eligibility would be effective May 1st.)
- The family may submit receipts for medical expenses for the child or youth on the Waiver for potential reimbursement that were incurred up to 90 Days prior to the month the Medical Card was issued (payment is not guaranteed).^{*} These receipts are submitted to the Local SRS Office for determination along with the Financial Application.

***Suggested Tip**

Let families know that if they mark past medical bills on their financial application they need to visit with their local SRS case worker. The payment of these bills is not “billed” through the same method as CMHC services. The final decision for reimbursement is made by the Local SRS Office, not the CMHC.

The HCBS SED Children’s Waiver Program has brought needed services to children and their families since 1997. The program is not only helping children with their mental health needs, but also bringing a wide range of assistance for additional needs. For more information go to the [HCBS SED Children’s Waiver Provider Manual](#).