

Some Pertinent I/DD Waiver Information

As of 11/30/17:

4,634 - slots approved by CMS

4,587 - individuals enrolled in program

1,265 - individuals on wait list for program

1,180 - individuals who have waited more than 90 days

17 - average number of individuals added monthly to wait list

1,581 - days, or 4.3 years – longest time any individual has been on the wait list

Monthly data reports on the I/DD Waiver indicate that approximately 50% of the applications for this program are approved and added to the wait list. Over the course of the past 12 months (December 2016-Nov 2017) 206 individuals have been added to the wait list (managed enrollment list) and 147 individuals were enrolled in the waiver program. In other words, on a monthly basis an average of 17 people were added to the wait list while 12 were enrolled in the program. If these averages were to continue, the wait list would continue to grow by about 60 people per year.

At the average rate of 12 people per month being enrolled in the program the total number of slots approved by CMS could be filled in four months at which time the wait list would continue to grow without anyone leaving it. **Since more people are typically enrolled in the month of July and those months immediately following, and less are enrolled during the winter months, it is not possible to say with any degree of accuracy when the maximum number of slots will be filled.** But, when they are filled, individuals will remain on the wait list until the State decides to make more funding available to the program and advises CMS of the desire to add more slots. A small number of individuals would continue to gain a slot at the beginning of each fiscal year when those slots vacated during the previous year are once again available for use.

West Virginia has no state-operated institutions for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Only twelve other states and the District of Columbia can say the same.

WV does have 517 institutional beds in 68 facilities across the State for people with I/DD, operated by behavioral health provider agencies. They are called Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). The average cost of care in these facilities in 2017 is reported by the Bureau for Medical Services to be \$10,199.00 per month, or \$122,384.00 per year. According to the University of Minnesota's Residential Information Systems Project (RISP) Annual Report: Status Trends Through 2015, West Virginia's Waiver expenditures per person decreased by 15% in 2015 while ICF/IID expenditures increased by 9%.

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