

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) Facts about the Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver

What is the Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver program?

It is a special program that provides certain services in the home or community to elderly or disabled adults who qualify.

What services do people get?

For people who qualify, the program provides for these services:

- Support coordination (formerly known as case management)
- Transition intensive support coordination
- Companion service (day or night)
- Environmental accessibility adaptation (home modifications)
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Transition services (for people going from nursing facilities to the community)

The program pays for services within an established daily cost cap set by DHH. People who qualify can choose their own providers.

Who qualifies for services?

- Individuals age 65 or older can qualify if they meet Medicaid financial eligibility; meet the requirements for admission to a nursing facility (nursing facility level of care); **and** meet the imminent risk criteria; **or**
- Individuals age 21-64 who are disabled according to Medicaid standards or SSI disability criteria; meet Medicaid financial eligibility; meet the requirements for admission to a nursing facility (nursing facility level of care); **and** meet the imminent risk criteria.

What are the 2008 income limits?

- The income limits are \$1,911 for an individual and \$3,822 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care.)

What are the 2008 resource limits?

Resources are the things people own. When we count resources for this program, we do not count the person's home, the car they drive to medical appointments, or other basic resources.

- Single people can have no more than \$2,000 in resources. Couples can have no more than \$3,000 in resources when both spouses need long-term care.
- Married couples can have up to \$104,400 in resources, as long as one spouse at home does not get long-term care.

How can people get Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver services?

- The Department keeps an EDA Request for Services Registry (formerly known as the "waiting list") of people who have asked for these services, along with the date of the request.
- Based on date of first request for services, the Department first offers EDA Waiver opportunities to people from the EDA Request for Services Registry who are in nursing facilities but can return to their homes if they get services and/or people who might go into nursing facilities in the next 120 days unless they get services.
- Priority is also given to those individuals who have been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).
- All other EDA Waiver opportunities, if available, are offered on a first-come, first-served basis based on date of first request for services.
- To add your name to the EDA Request for Services Registry, call the Louisiana Options in Long Term Care Help Line at 1-877-456-1146, Mondays - Fridays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Questions? Call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care Help Line at
1-877-456-1146 (TDD: 1-877-544-9544). The call is free.**