

Assisted Living Waiver Program Waitlist and Eligibility Information



To qualify, applicants must:

- Must be age 21 or older
- Must be enrolled in California Medi-Cal program
- Must be receiving income (social security, pension, etc.)
- Must have a need for assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's)
- Must receive enough income to pay the monthly room and board determined annually by Social Security
- Must be residing in, or willing to reside in one of the ALW approved facilities and counties

For individuals that have a legal representative, we will require a copy of the Advanced Health Care Directive (AHCD), Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA), or Medical Power of Attorney (MPOA) document.

All applicant types are placed on a waitlist and have different priorities assigned to them by DHCS. The types of applicants are: community, open Adult Protective Services (APS) case, institutional, and Ombudsman referral.

We can update an application type at any time with DHCS with the appropriate documentation.

Here is some additional information regarding types of applicants and the waitlist:

DHCS gives priority on the waitlist for different types of applicants. DHCS decides what the priority is for each type of applicant. Waitlist releases are provided to us around the 10th of each month. We are able to use the waitlist releases and information DHCS provides to be able to determine the approximate waitlist times for each applicant.

A **community applicant** is a person residing in the community (this includes applicants currently in an assisted living facility, at home, or homeless) has the lowest priority for waitlist releases. The waitlist time for these types of applicants is currently expected to be a minimum of 24-36 months.

An **Adult Protective Services (APS) applicant** is a community applicant with an open APS case. APS may open a case for multiple reasons including what is considered self-neglect (inability to care for oneself like unable to manage medications properly). Typically, APS will not open a case for a person in a facility setting. You would need to contact your local APS and speak with them about opening an APS case. DHCS gives a higher priority on the waitlist for these types of applicants, meaning the waitlist time is typically between 2-4 months.

An **institutional applicant** is a person who is in a skilled nursing facility, hospital, or other medical setting (assisted living or memory care is not considered a medical setting). The applicant must be in the medical setting for 60 consecutive days to be considered this type of applicant. DHCS gives a higher priority on the waitlist for these types of applicants, meaning the waitlist time is typically between 3-6 months.

An **Ombudsman referral applicant** is an institutional applicant with a medical assessment and discharge notice stating they are eligible for a lower level of care and eligible for ALW program but unable to afford assisted living. You will need to contact the Ombudsman for a referral. DHCS gives a higher priority on the waitlist for these types of applicants, meaning the waitlist time is typically between 1-3 months.

Each Care Coordination Agency (CCA) has a waitlist with DHCS. Please note that the waitlist times listed above are for our agency only. Please note the waitlist times listed above may change.

Please contact our agency for the application and current waitlist times.

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