

What is Developmental Disabilities Case Management?

Having county case management is a key to accessing disability-specific programs and services. Case managers are also called social workers.

Case managers provide or arrange for:

- Telling the person and/or their legal guardian about the service options available.
- Helping to identify possible service providers.
- Developing a service plan based on the person's preferences and needs.
- Helping to access services that are needed.
- Provide service coordination.
- Monitor and evaluate the services that are outlined in the service plan.

Who is eligible for developmental disabilities case management?

- The person must have a developmental disability (substantial limitations in intellectual functioning combined with deficits in adaptive behavior that are present before the person's 22nd birthday) or a related condition.
- To qualify under the related condition criteria, the person must have a disability that results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with developmental disabilities.

How does the application process work?

The county is required to arrange for a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation within 35 working days of receiving an application for case management services. This diagnostic evaluation has to show that the person has a diagnosis of a developmental disability or related condition. Diagnostic information from schools and other providers can be used to meet the diagnostic evaluation requirement as long as the final diagnosis includes all of the required information.

The evaluation must include (per Minnesota Rule 9525.0016 Subp. 3):

- A standardized test of intellectual functioning and an assessment of adaptive skills, or standardized assessments of developmental functioning for a child under the age of 5 years old
- A social history report that is no more than 12 months old and includes:
 - The person's developmental and social history including information about supports
 - Social, psychological or environmental factors that could have contributed to the person's current level of functioning.
 - Any information that supports or refutes that the person had a developmental disability before the age of 22.
- A medical evaluation from a licensed physician that is no more than 12 months old that includes an evaluation of the person's general physical health, vision, hearing, any physical or neurological disorders, and comments from the physician on the individual's health and emotional well-being, if known.

What happens after I apply?

- Wait for a written decision from the county.
- If the person is eligible, developmental disabilities case management will begin.
- If the county determines that the person is not eligible, you can appeal the county's decision. Contact Arc or another agency for further information on appeals processes.

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