



Participant Safeguards

Children/medical consenters who wish to apply to B2H have certain individual rights that are supported by OCFS. Children have the right to:

- be treated with consideration and respect;
- be informed of their rights before receiving any waiver services;
- be offered the assistance of a translator to interpret the information regarding B2H waivers;
- receive services without regard to race, color, creed, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability;
- and have services provided that support their health and welfare.

How Do I Apply?

Please contact New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) at **212-676-6406** to discuss the enrollment process and eligibility criteria.

Agencies may contact ACS directly via

e-mail at: b2hacs@dfa.state.ny.us

website at: www.nyc.gov/acs

Address: B2H unit
150 William Street, 4th floor
New York, NY 10038

State of New York www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/b2h

**Bridges to Health State Consultation Line:
1-888-250-1832**

For NYC, For children in the custody of the Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS), please contact the child's Community Service Team worker for further information.



State of New York

Bridges to Health

B2H

Home and Community- Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program



What is the Bridges to Health Medicaid Waiver Program?

The Bridges to Health (B2H) Home and Community-Based Waiver Program provides opportunities for improving the health and well-being of children in foster care or community services supervision.

The purpose of B2H is to avoid, delay, or prevent medical institutional care and provide enhanced services to children with disabilities. B2H services are provided to the child, family, and caregivers in the foster home or community setting.

B2H consists of three waivers—B2H for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED), B2H for children with Developmental Disabilities (B2H DD), and B2H for Medically Fragile (B2H MedF) children. Designed to provide community-based health care services and supports to children in foster care or community services supervision.



What Services are Available?

B2H services are tailored to meet a child's specific, presenting health care needs; they complement, but do not duplicate, services provided through other programs. B2H offers the following 14 services:

1. Health Care Integration
2. Family/Caregiver Supports and Services
3. Skill Building
4. Day Habilitation
5. Special Needs Community Advocacy and Support
6. Prevocational Services
7. Supported Employment
8. Planned Respite
9. Crisis Avoidance, Management and Training
10. Immediate Crisis Response Services
11. Intensive In-home Supports
12. Crisis Respite
13. Adaptive and Assistive Equipment
14. Accessibility Modifications

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible to participate in B2H, a child must:

- be in the custody of the Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), or the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS);
- be Medicaid eligible;
- have a qualifying diagnosis
- be able to benefit from the service.

Since the number of "slots" statewide is limited, applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the child may be placed on a waiting list.



Who Provides B2H Services?

Health Care Integration Agencies (HCIA's): HCIA's are child care agencies with demonstrated experience in providing an array of supplemental services for children in out-of-home care. HCIA's work in conjunction with the Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) that retain responsibility for making referrals, eligibility determinations, and enrollment decisions.

Health Care Integrators (HCI's) and Waiver Service Providers (WSP's): HCI's are care management staff employed by the HCIA's who have the primary responsibility for the child's health care coordination and administration of the plan of care. The WSP's are either under contract with the HCIA's or are employees of those HCIA's that provide services