Bridges to Health (B2H) Waiver
Service Description

Health Care Integration
Manage the initial comprehensive assessment and reassessment processes, develop the Individualized Health Plan, and gain access for waiver participants to necessary medical, social, rehabilitation, vocational, educational and other services.

Skill Building
Support, Guide, Mentor, Coach and/or Train the child and/or family/caregiver in successful functioning in the home and community.

Day habilitation Services
Assist individuals with developmental disabilities with the self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to successful functioning in the home and community when other types of skill building services are not appropriate.

Pre-Vocational Services
Teach concepts, not job-specific, based on a specific curriculum and facilitating success in any work environment for children whose disabilities do not permit them to access other pre-vocational services.

Supported Employment Services
Supervision and training, intensive ongoing support, transportation, interface with employers regarding the child’s disability(ies) and needs related to his or her health care issue(s), and other activities needed to sustain paid work.

Adaptive and Assistive Equipment
Aids, controls, appliances or supplies intended to supplement New York’s approved Medicaid State Plan medical equipment and supplies coverage to enable the waiver participant to increase his or her ability to function in a home and community based setting.

Accessibility Modifications
Internal and external physical adaptations to the home or other residence of the foster child that are necessary to support the health and welfare of the waiver participant.

Special Needs Community Advocacy and Support
Improves the child’s ability to gain from the educational experience and enables the child’s school to respond appropriately to the child’s disability and/or health care issues. Special needs community advocacy and support is intended to assist the child, family/caregiver, and community/school staff in understanding and addressing the waiver participant’s needs related to their disability(ies) in order to minimize interruption in a child’s education.

Planned Respite Services:
Planned short term relief for family/caregivers (non-shift staff) needed to enable the family/caregiver’s ability to contend with the child’s disability or health care issues.

Family/Caregiver Supports and Services
Education and training on resource availability for family/caregivers, and to enhance the ability of the waiver participant interact and engage with other children in appropriate developmental activities or appropriate community activities.

Crisis Avoidance and Management and Training
Psycho-education and training to address specific issues that disrupt or jeopardize the child’s successful functioning in the community.

Immediate Crisis Response Services
24-hour services designed to respond immediately to crises that threaten the stability of the child’s placement and the child’s ability to function in the community.

Intensive In-Home Supports and Services
Interventions to secure child and family/caregiver’s health and safety following a crisis.

Crisis Respite
Emergency short-term relief for family/caregivers (non-shift staff) needed to resolve a crisis and segue back to the child’s successful functioning and engagement in service plan activities.