



SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN  
SERVICES PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

## SC Waiver Waitlists Fact Sheet

### SC Waiver Waitlists: Supporting Families in Need

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers allow individuals with disabilities to receive support in their communities instead of institutions. South Carolina operates three waiver programs:

- **ID/RD Waiver:** Designed for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/Related Disabilities.
- **Community Supports Waiver (CS):** Supports individuals living at home or in the community.
- **HASCI Waiver:** For those with Head and Spinal Cord Injuries.

Each waiver offers services that go beyond Medicaid to ensure individuals can live safely in the community rather than in institutions.

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a waiver, individuals must:

- Have a qualifying disability or injury.
- Be eligible for Medicaid.
- Require institutional-level care.
- Choose to receive community services.

### Current Waitlist Numbers

As of November 2024, South Carolina faces extensive waitlists for these essential services:

- ID/RD Waiver: 19,295 individuals waiting.
- CS Waiver: 15,511 individuals waiting.
- HASCI Waiver: 325 individuals waiting.

### Challenges and Impact

- Long wait times (5+ years) leave families without crucial supports.
- Overlapping waitlists exacerbate delays.

### Call to Action

Advocate for reduced waitlists to support health and safety for South Carolina's families.