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 December 31, 2025, South Carolina faces extensive waitlists for these essential services:

- ID/RD Waiver: 21715 individuals waiting.
- CS Waiver: 18,204 individuals waiting (All but 350 are also on the ID/RD Waitlist.
- HASCI Waiver: 311 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.