Most individuals receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) are enrolled in a Home & Community Based Services waiver in addition to other programs, such as Apple Health/Medicaid and Community First Choice (CFC). These other programs are called Medicaid state plan services.

Because state plan and waivers may cover some of the same services, the federal government has reaffirmed it’s requirement that all state plan (and private insurance) resources be exhausted before using the same services under a waiver.

Some of these overlapping services include:

- Skilled nursing
- Behavior support & consultation
- OT, PT, Speech Therapy
- Staff/family consultation & training
- Behavioral health stabilization services
- Peer mentoring

What Does This Mean for You?

Under Age 21

If you receive Apple Health/Medicaid, your medical and behavioral health services are covered under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, which requires that state plan/Apple Health insurance provide all medically necessary state plan benefits. If you have questions or concerns about providers and/or coverage, contact your Managed Care Organization (MCO).

If you are covered through private insurance, contact your insurance plan’s approved providers to schedule your appointments for services prior to accessing your Apple Health Benefit.

Age 21 and Older

If you receive Apple Health/Medicaid, your medical and behavioral services are provided through your Managed Care Organization (MCO), except for intensive behavioral health services, which are provided through a Behavioral Health Organization in most counties. If you have questions or concerns about providers and/or coverage, contact your Managed Care Organization (MCO).

If you are covered through private insurance, contact your plan’s approved providers to schedule your appointments for services.

After reaching your benefit limit—including any limitation extensions requests from your medical provider to your MCO or insurer—contact your DDA case manager to find out if your waiver has a compatible service that can meet your needs. You may be asked to provide supporting documentation to show that you have exhausted your Apple Health/Medicaid benefits, as well as private insurance.