

# Comparing DODD Waivers

## An Easy Read Guide

Services listed in your service plan might be things like someone to help you cook, someone that helps you get around or someone that drives you to work. One way to pay for those services is with a waiver.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has 3 kinds of waivers that can pay for services for people who need them.

- 1. Level One Waiver** - The Level One Waiver is a good fit for people who do not need a lot of paid staff to provide services. Usually people using a Level One Waiver only need help with a few things or have people they know who can help them with some of the things they need, like cooking meals, taking showers or driving places.
- 2. Individual Options Waiver** - This waiver is sometimes called the IO Waiver. The IO Waiver is a good fit for people who may need a lot of help in their home. It can also be a good fit for people who need a lot of different kinds of services.
- 3. Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver** - This waiver is usually called the SELF Waiver. It is good fit for people who want to be in charge of some of their services. If you have a SELF Waiver, then you can be in charge of hiring and training the people that provide services to you. You can manage your budget for the services you want.

		Which waiver helps with this service?		
Type of service	Pays for needed services like	Level 1	Individual Options	SELF
<b>Personal Care</b>	Someone to come and help you with things like getting dressed, keeping clean, making food	✓	✓	✓
<b>Adult Day Support</b>	Learning new things and going out with other people during the day	✓	✓	✓
<b>Home Modifications</b>	Someone to add ramps and railings to your home so you can get around better	✓	✓	✗
<b>Emergency Response System</b>	A button you can push for help right away	✓	✗	✗
<b>Respite</b>	A break for people who help care for you that do not get paid to care for you	✓	✓	✓
<b>Medical Supplies</b>	Tools that help you keep you healthy, that help you get around or help you talk with people	✓	✓	✓
<b>Employment</b>	Help to get or keep a job	✓	✓	✓
<b>Transportation</b>	Help getting places	✓	✓	✓
<b>Vocational</b>	Learning things that help you get a job	✓	✓	✓
<b>Home Delivered Meals</b>	Meals brought to your place that are ready to eat	✓	✓	✗
<b>Remote Monitoring</b>	Tools that help the people who care for you make sure you are safe even when they are not with you	✓	✓	✓
<b>Shared Living</b>	Sharing a home with someone who is paid to help you	✗	✓	✗
<b>Nursing</b>	Hands-on care by a nurse for health-related services that can only be performed by a nurse	Through Medicaid state plan	✓	Through Medicaid state plan
<b>Therapies</b>	Physical therapy; occupational therapy, also called OT; or mental health services and counseling	Through Medicaid state plan	Through Medicaid state plan	Through Medicaid state plan