

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Waiting List Information



About the Waiting List

The waiting list is one way of keeping track of individuals who have unmet needs. A waiting list is created when we don't have the resources available to immediately meet the needs of everyone. Waiting is never easy; however, with limited resources and funding, county boards across the state have had to establish a waiting list for what dollars are available. It is critical that each county maintain their waiting list with integrity and fairness.

There is one waiting list per county. People may only be placed on the waiting list in their county of residence. For adults, this is the county where you live. For children, it is the county where the custodial entity/parent is. If you move, the new county will review your assessment with you to see if anything has changed.

The overall goal should **not** be to get on the waiting list, it should be to have the person's needs met. We use the formal, statewide Waiting List Assessment Tool to determine if a person has an **immediate need, current need, or no assessed need**.

Everyone who was on the waiting list under the old rule as of August 31, 2018, will be placed on the Transitional List until the waiver waitlist assessment is completed. Everyone on the transitional list will be assessed between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020.

Immediate Need

If there is an immediate need, it means there is a risk of substantial harm if action is not taken **within thirty (30) calendar days**. An individual with an immediate need will **NOT** be placed on the waiver waiting list. Again, a person with an immediate need should not be waiting for that need to be met. Instead, an immediate need may be met through a waiver or through other available resources.

Current Need

A current need means there is an unmet need for services, as determined by the county board, **within 12 months**. This includes a risk of substantial harm if action is not taken within 12 months. Individuals with a current unmet need **WILL** be placed (or remain) on the waiver waiting list until the need is met. The need may be met through a waiver or through other resources. Once the need is met, the individual's name will be removed from the list.

As a reminder, there are no longer multiple waiting lists. If someone meets the criteria for a current need and is placed on the waiting list, either alternative services or an HCBS waiver will be offered at the time it is needed.

No Assessed Need

If there is no assessed need, or the assessed need can be met through other available community resources, the person will **NOT** be placed on (or will be removed from) the waiting list.

Additional Information

The county board will review your previous assessment with you at least once a year, to see if anything has changed. However, you may request a new assessment any time your needs change.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the waiting list and the assessment process, please call **234-802-0129** or email kgreen@mcbdd.org. If you disagree with the outcome of your waiting list assessment, your Due Process Rights can also be explained at that time.