The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for persons with a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

A “waiver” is an extra set of benefits through Medicaid that you could qualify for in certain cases. These benefits can help you remain in your home and community. Waivers have extra program rules and some programs may have waitlists.

The waiver for Persons with a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) is geographically limited to the Denver Metro Area and is limited to 120 participants per year. In 2020, there will be an independent evaluation presented to the State legislature that will measure the health outcomes, quality of life, and cost expenditures for waiver participants receiving acupuncture, massage therapy and chiropractic services through the SCI waiver. Based on this report, the legislature will determine whether to continue these services or expand them.

The Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with a Spinal Cord Injury helps individuals with spinal cord injuries remain in a community setting.

To qualify for the SCI Waiver, you must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older;
2. Have a diagnosis of a spinal cord injury;
3. Have been determined to have a significant functional impairment;
4. Have been determined to be financially eligible; and
5. Reside in the Denver Metro Area, which consists of:
   - Adams
   - Arapahoe
   - Denver
   - Douglas
   - Jefferson

The Chanda Plan Foundation is a new provider for the Complimentary and Integrative Health Services, which includes Acupuncture, Chiropractic Care, and Massage. If you are eligible for the HCBS-SCI waiver program, you have the option of receiving these Complimentary Health Services through this organization.

Thank you for your interest in receiving these services at our location. To see if you qualify for the HCBS-SCI waiver, please complete the quiz on the following page. If you answer yes to all the questions, the Chanda Plan Foundation will contact your case manager to see if you can transition onto this program.
ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

1. Are you currently enrolled in Medicaid? YES | NO

2. Do you have a spinal cord injury? YES | NO

3. Do you reside in one of the following Denver Metro counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Denver, or Jefferson? YES | NO

4. Are you 18 years or older? YES | NO

5. Are you willing to complete a quality of life survey through an independent evaluator? YES | NO

If you answered “NO” to any of these questions, you do not qualify for the HCBS-SCI waiver through Medicaid. Please apply for the LBS program through the Chanda Plan Foundation’s Direct Services program.

If you answered “YES” to all of these questions, you may be eligible for the SCI waiver. Please notify your case manager that you would like to receive Complimentary Health Services through the HCBS-SCI waiver. They will verify your financial and functional eligibility for the program.

If you have any questions at all about your eligibility, please call Maggie at 1-800-766-4255 x 4.