



National Disability Navigator RESOURCE COLLABORATIVE

Understanding the Health Coverage Needs of People with Disabilities

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The mission of AAHD is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for children and adults with disabilities.





What is the NDNRC?

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is an initiative of seven national cross-disability organizations in order to provide disability information and support to navigators and other enrollment specialists as they assist consumers with enrollment through the Affordable Care Act insurance marketplaces.

Who is the NDNRC?



NDNRC Partners



Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund






Mission Statement

The mission of the National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is to provide cross-disability information and support to Navigators and other enrollment specialists thereby ensuring people with disabilities receive accurate information when selecting and enrolling in insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces.



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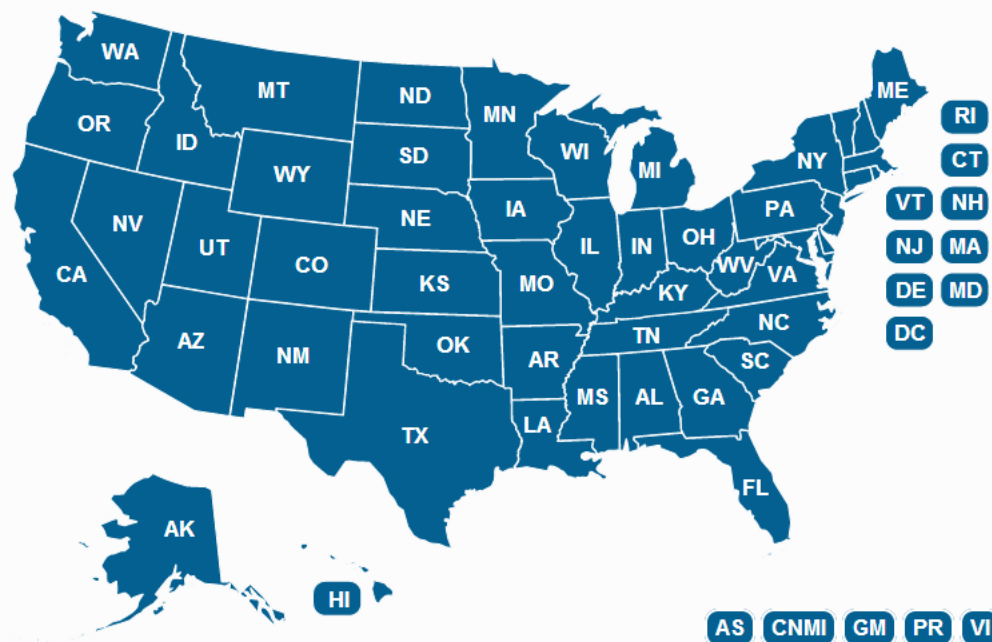
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Marketplace Type: State

Medicaid Expansion: Yes

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None available at this time

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Disability Guide



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A project of the American Association on Health and Disability



Disability Guide

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Disability Guide

What Do Navigators Need to Know about Disability?

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Health Insurance Jeopardy!

*It's not about the answer.
It's about asking the right question!*



JEOPARDY!

Prescription Drugs	Medical Devices	Rehab and Habilitation Benefits	Medicaid Eligibility	Summary of Benefits and Coverage	Mental Health
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000



JEOPARDY!

Pr

The individual has a disability
that causes spasms



Pr

The individual has a disability
that causes spasms

Question: Does the individual take medication
to treat?



JEOPARDY!

Pr

The individual takes a
prescription muscle relaxant



Pr

The individual takes a
prescription muscle relaxant

Question: How do you find out what
medications are covered by the Qualified
Health Plan (QHP)?



JEOPARDY!

Pr

The individual takes a
prescription muscle relaxant



Pr

The individual takes a
prescription muscle relaxant

Question: Does the QHP have a tiered
prescription medication benefit?



JEOPARDY!

Pr

The individual takes a
prescription muscle relaxant



Pr

The individual takes a
prescription muscle relaxant

Question: Does the QHP require pre-
authorization for the medications?



JEOPARDY!

Pr

The individual tells you that he
has tried generic drugs before
and they were ineffective



JEOPARDY!

Pr

The individual tells you that he has tried generic drugs before and they were ineffective

Question: Does the QHP require a patient to try a generic drug first (i.e. “Step Therapy”)?



JEOPARDY!

	Medical Devices	Rehab and Habilitation Benefits	Medicaid Eligibility	Summary of Benefits and Coverage	Mental Health
	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
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	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
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	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000



The individual is a wheelchair
user



JEOPARDY!

The individual is a wheelchair
user

Question: Does the QHP cover durable
medical equipment (DME)?



JEOPARDY!

The individual uses a motorized wheelchair and complains that her current chair won't keep a charge



The individual uses a motorized wheelchair and complains that her current chair won't keep a charge

Question: Does the QHP cover the repair of DME?



The individual indicates that
his condition requires he use a
catheter



The individual indicates that
his condition requires he use a
catheter

Question: Does the QHP cover disposable
medical supplies?



JEOPARDY!

The individual is an amputee



The individual is an amputee

Question: Does the QHP cover prosthetics?



The individual is an amputee



The individual is an amputee

Question: Does the QHP put limitations on the number of prosthetics?



JEOPARDY!

		Rehab and Habilitation Benefits	Medicaid Eligibility	Summary of Benefits and Coverage	Mental Health
		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
		\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
		\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
		\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
		\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000



The individual has limited mobility but indicates that certain therapies have helped her maintain the mobility she does have



The individual has limited mobility but indicates that certain therapies have helped her maintain the mobility she does have

Question: Does the QHP cover rehabilitation therapy?



She tells you she hasn't seen a
physician for the condition in
some time



She tells you she hasn't seen a
physician for the condition in
some time

Question: Does the QHP require pre-
authorization for rehabilitation therapies?



JEOPARDY!

She also said that she has to go repeatedly for it to have any lasting effect



She also said that she has to go repeatedly for it to have any lasting effect

Question: Does the QHP put limitations on the number of rehab visits?



JEOPARDY!

A family has a child with
developmental disabilities that
affects activities of daily living



A family has a child with
developmental disabilities that
affects activities of daily living

Question: Does the QHP cover habilitation
therapies?



JEOPARDY!

A family has a child with
autism



A family has a child with
autism

Question: Does the QHP cover ABA therapies?



JEOPARDY!

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JEOPARDY!

When completing enrollment on Healthcare.gov you arrive at the question for a condition which causes a limitation



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Question: Does the individual want to apply for Medicaid?



The individual answers that
she does have a condition
which limits her activities



The individual answers that
she does have a condition
which limits her activities

Question: What happens to their Healthcare.gov
application and how are they determined
whether they are Medicaid eligible?



The individual has cerebral palsy and it affects her ability to walk, talk and breathe?



The individual has cerebral palsy and it affects her ability to walk, talk and breathe?

Question: Is she “medically frail”?



The individual does qualify as
“medically frail”



JEOPARDY!

The individual does qualify as
“medically frail”

Question: Does your state offer an Alternative
Benefit Plan (ABP) for the medically frail?



JEOPARDY!

The individual does qualify as
“medically frail” and your state
does have an ABP for that
category



JEOPARDY!

The individual does qualify as
“medically frail” and your state
does have an ABP for that
category

Question: Should the individual enroll in the
ABP or traditional Medicaid?



JEOPARDY!

				Summary of Benefits and Coverage	Mental Health
				\$200	\$200
				\$400	\$400
				\$600	\$600
				\$800	\$800
				\$1000	\$1000



JEOPARDY!

The individual wants to know if
the plan will cover a specialist
that he sees



The individual wants to know if
the plan will cover a specialist
that he sees

Question: Does the Summary of Benefits and
Coverage (SBC) say whether or not the plan
uses a network of providers?



JEOPARDY!

The individual has a condition
that requires that she takes
drug “X”



The individual has a condition
that requires that she takes
drug “X”

Question: Does the SBC say what drugs are
covered and what the drug co-pays are?



JEOPARDY!

The individual uses
rehabilitation therapy



The individual uses rehabilitation therapy

Question: Does the SBC say what the cost will be for rehabilitation therapies and if there are limitations?



The individual is a wheelchair
user



The individual is a wheelchair
user

Question: Does the SBC say what the cost will
be for services such as durable medical
equipment?



JEOPARDY!

The SBC is unclear about the coverage of or limitations on durable medical equipment



The SBC is unclear about the coverage of or limitations on durable medical equipment

Question: Where can you get the answers on coverage when not covered in the SBC?



JEOPARDY!

					Mental Health
					\$200
					\$400
					\$600
					\$800
					\$1000



JEOPARDY!

The individual reports that he
has treated for a mental health
diagnosis



JEOPARDY!

The individual reports that he
has treated for a mental health
diagnosis

Question: Does the QHP cover mental health
treatment?



JEOPARDY!

The individual reports that his
prior mental health treatment
required several therapy
sessions a month



The individual reports that his
prior mental health treatment
required several therapy
sessions a month

Question: Does the QHP limit the number of
visits for mental health therapy and is this
permissible under the MHPAEA?



The individual reports that she
has struggled with a drug
addiction in the past



The individual reports that she
has struggled with a drug
addiction in the past

Question: Does the QHP cover substance use
disorder treatment?



The individual reports that this struggle has been ongoing for sometime and it has affected her ability to perform normal daily functions



The individual reports that this struggle has been ongoing for sometime and it has affected her ability to perform normal daily functions

Question: Does chronic substance use disorder qualify an individual as “medically frail”?



JEOPARDY!

Unknown??



Question: Does the individual need coverage for mental health as they may not self-report to you?



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