




## Family Caregiver Support

COVID-19 has been very difficult for many families across Tennessee. That’s especially true for families caring for a loved one with disabilities at home. To provide some relief for those families, Tennessee is using federal COVID funding<sup>1</sup> to pay for extra services and supports that will:

- Help people live safely and as independently as possible.
- Provide relief for family caregivers.
- Help people remain in their homes and communities.

These services will be available to persons supported in CHOICES, Employment and Community First CHOICES, or the 1915(c) Waivers operated by DIDD<sup>2</sup> if they routinely receive support from unpaid family caregivers.<sup>3</sup>

Here are the kinds of extra services available in each program.

 <p><b>CHOICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite</li> <li>• Adult day services</li> <li>• Assistive technology</li> <li>• Enabling technology</li> <li>• Minor home modifications</li> </ul>	 <p>Employment and Community First <b>CHOICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite</li> <li>• Assistive technology, adaptive equipment and supplies</li> <li>• Enabling technology</li> <li>• Minor home modifications</li> </ul>	 <p><b>1915(c) Waivers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite</li> <li>• Specialized medical equipment, supplies, and assistive technology</li> <li>• Enabling technology</li> <li>• Environmental accessibility modifications</li> </ul>
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People who qualify can receive up to \$3,000 more of these services from now through March 31, 2024, even if it exceeds service limits, budgets or cost caps.

<sup>1</sup> Read more about Tennessee’s plan for these funds at:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/ARPEnhancedHCBSFMAPStakeholderPacket.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the Statewide, Comprehensive Aggregate Cap (CAC) and Self-Determination Waivers. To be eligible, individuals must be enrolled in CHOICES, ECF CHOICES or one of the 1915(c) waiver programs as of July 12, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Individuals receiving residential services do not qualify.