

StarPlus Waiver from Intake to Eligibility

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Star+Plus Waiver (SPW) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Benefits

- The SPW Program provides home and community-based services to people who are older or who have disabilities.
- 30-50 hours a week of assistance (home care benefits) or at an assisted living facility if the facility accepts SPW
 - Assisted living (hard to find, AL must accept SPW & SPW bed open)
 - Delivered meals, adaptive aids, home care, personal care, PT/OT & respite care

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Star+Plus Waiver (SPW) (HCBS) Program Requirements

Income

- Less than \$2,349 gross monthly (per applicant)-if over can use Miller Trust or Qualified Income Trust

Assets

• Exempt Assets

Homestead (see equity limits for a single person), personal items, irrevocable pre-need funeral, burial plot, one car, IRAs (sometimes), certain types of annuities

• Countable Assets

Checking, savings, money market accounts, mineral rights (sometimes), certain types of annuities, cash value of life insurance policies, a second car or second home

**see paper for transfers, and more details on financial eligibility

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Star+Plus Waiver (SPW) (HCBS) Program Requirements

Countable Asset Requirements:

- Single person: must have less than \$2,000 in countable assets
- Married couple: non-applicant spouse can keep: $\frac{1}{2}$ of countable assets w/ \$25,728 min and \$128,640 max OR can keep all countable assets if spousal combined mo. non-resource produced income under \$4,500 (usually)
- If both spouses apply: must have less than \$3,000 in countable assets

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Star+Plus Waiver (SPW) (HCBS) Program Requirements

Medical Test

- Medical necessity requires a medical disorder or disease requiring attention by registered or licensed vocational nurses on a regular basis.
- The individual needs to show more than just an inability to attend to “activities of daily living” such as bathing, grooming, eating.

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Information needed to be added to the Star-Plus waiver interest list

- Call 1-888-337-6377
- Provide Intake Support with the following information for the individual being added
 1. Name
 2. Social Security Number
 3. Complete Address
 4. Primary Contact’s Address
 5. Primary Contact’s Telephone Number
- Client or family member must call SPW- we do this with the client



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Also available as part of the eCourse

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"StarPlus Waiver Benefits: The Greatest Home Care Program Ever! (AKA Making It Happen With StarPlus Waiver)"