

INNOVATIONS WAIVER WAITLIST



Innovations and the Registry of Unmet Needs

The N.C. Innovations Waiver is a home and community based services program that allows Medicaid-eligible individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) to receive services and supports in their own community. This helps people live as independently as possible, rather than in an institution like a developmental center.

Vaya Health manages the Innovations Waiver in our 22 western North Carolina counties. However, the Innovations program is funded with federal and state dollars and slots are allocated to Vaya by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services based on available funding. Vaya receives a set number of slots each year. Unfortunately, there are more people who need services than there are slots available.

The Registry of Unmet Needs is a first-come, first-serve list maintained by Vaya to keep track of people waiting for an Innovations Waiver slot.

County	Certified Population Estimate (2019)	Innovations Waiver Participants	Individuals on the Registry receiving Medicaid Service(s)	# of Children Waiting	# of Adults Waiting (18 years old and over)	# of Individuals Added to Waitlist FY 2020	# of Slots Allotted
Alexander	37,497	24	11	11	17	1	1
Alleghany	11,137	20	4	4	5	0	0
Ashe	27,203	43	24	13	23	0	2
Avery	17,557	15	9	9	4	0	1
Buncombe	261,191	429	246	176	227	12	15
Caldwell	82,178	94	47	29	61	3	2
Cherokee	28,612	54	30	12	34	2	0
Clay	11,231	15	15	6	13	1	0
Graham	8,441	19	9	3	12	0	0
Haywood	62,317	90	64	32	76	1	5
Henderson	117,417	151	98	44	107	3	5
Jackson	43,938	51	23	18	28	0	1
McDowell	45,756	37	47	21	30	1	1
Macon	38,858	42	33	12	22	2	1
Madison	21,755	108	23	18	48	2	1
Mitchell	14,964	40	10	8	17	0	1
Polk	20,724	46	8	2	17	0	1
Swain	14,271	11	8	11	9	0	0
Transylvania	34,385	41	17	10	29	1	0
Watauga	56,177	42	12	10	12	1	0
Wilkes	68,412	77	33	22	53	3	0
Yancey	18,069	51	15	8	20	2	1
Total	1,042,090	1,500	786	479	864	35	38

Data is for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 2019-June 2020)

ALLOTTED SLOTS

38 individuals who transitioned from the waitlist to the Innovations Waiver

RECEIVED SERVICES FROM VAYA

59% of individuals on the waitlist

1,343 individuals on the Registry of Unmet Needs

How to Access the Registry of Unmet Needs

