

FAMILY GUIDE

Understanding Minnesota Waivers

An overview of the home and community-based waiver programs we accept — what they cover, who qualifies, and how to apply through your county.

What is a waiver program?

Minnesota's home and community-based waiver programs help eligible adults receive long-term services and supports in a community setting — including a small Assisted Living home like Serenity Oaks — instead of in an institution. Eligibility, services, and contributions are determined by your county and the state.

CADI Waiver

Community Access for Disability Inclusion

Serves adults under 65 who have a disability and require the level of care provided in a nursing facility. CADI may help cover services such as personal care, homemaker support, and Assisted Living services.

DD Waiver

Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Provides funding for long-term services for individuals with a developmental disability or related condition who require an intermediate care level of services.

Elderly Waiver (EW)

Home and community-based services

Serves people age 65 and older who are eligible for Medical Assistance, require a nursing facility level of care, and choose to receive services in the community.

Typical steps to apply

1. Contact your county human services office or tribal agency to request a long-term care assessment (MnCHOICES).
2. Complete the assessment with a certified assessor — this can be done at home or in a hospital before discharge.
3. If eligible, you will be assigned a case manager who helps build a support plan.
4. Choose your providers — including an Assisted Living home such as Serenity Oaks.
5. Your case manager submits authorizations; we coordinate paperwork and start of service.

Helpful contacts

Senior LinkAge Line	1-800-333-2433
Disability Hub MN	1-866-333-2466
Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care	1-800-657-3591
Serenity Oaks admissions	(612) 555-0123 · hello@serenityoaksmn.com

This guide is provided for general information. Eligibility and benefits are determined by your county lead agency and the State of Minnesota. We are happy to walk through your specific situation by phone or in person.