

Department of Health and Human Services, OADS

Resources and Information to share with Families

- Case managers can help families identify and access services. Case management State Liaisons can assist if a case manager is not responsive:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/get-support/adults-intellectual-disability-and-autism/case-management>
- Current allowances that might help families under the appendix K:
 - Shared Living may be rendered by **Family Caregiver, Spouse and Guardians** of waiver participants when established as a contractor with the provider agency authorized to render the services. The provider agency is responsible for ensuring that services are delivered in accordance with the participants needs and goals as outlined in the participants care plan/person-centered plan.
 - Services including personal support and attendant care may be rendered by relatives or spouses of waiver participants when hired by the provider agency or when established as a contractor with the provider agency authorized to render the services. The provider agency is responsible for ensuring that services are provided as authorized in the PCP and that billing occurs in accordance with the corresponding section of MaineCare. A family that is interested in pursuing these two options should approach the provider agency of their choice, either directly or through their case manager. Note that a provider agency is not required to hire family members but may do so.
 - Training and Direct Support Professional certification requirements for waiver participants' relatives and spouses will not be required before a relative or spouse can begin providing services, but training and certification must be completed by the end date for appendix K.
 - Shared Living-Modified Rate for more than one Person. The rate setting methodology for more than one person in Shared Living setting will be modified temporarily as follows: For 2 people, rate becomes 75 percent (%) of 1-person rate for each waiver participant served. For 3 people, rate becomes 60 percent (%) of 1-person rate for each waiver participant served.
- Family Support Funds:
<https://www1.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/documents/Family-Support-Funds-Policy-CCM-Only-032320.pdf>
- Important information about COVID-19 Vaccine for children, and boosters for all ages:
<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines> and the Federal CDC website:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html?s_cid=11706:covid%20vaccine%20booster:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY22

- If an individual or guardian needs assistance understanding or advocating for their rights, call Disability Rights Maine at 800.452.1948, or use [our](https://drme.org/online-intake-form) online intake form <https://drme.org/online-intake-form>.