

Program Description

The Supervised Independent Living (SIL) is a NOW program that provides skills training, personal care attendants, and other support services to enable consumers with developmental disabilities to live independently in the community. The goal of the SIL program is to teach functional skills which impact consumers' abilities to perform as independently and as productively as possible.

About NOW (New Opportunities Waiver)

NOW is a Medicaid-funded waiver program which provides a direct support professional to assist the individual with daily living needs in their home and in the community. NOW is intended to provide specific, activity-focused services rather than continuous custodial care. This waiver is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact the Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities at 1.866.783.5553 or at ocddinfo@la.gov.

Who is Eligible?

Recipient must:

- Have a significant physical, mental, cognitive or sensory impairment that limits their ability to function independently in the community
- Be able to benefit from independent living services by improving their ability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning independently in the community
- Be 18 years or older

The SIL services are covered by Medicaid for qualified individuals who meet the following ICF/DD* requirements:

- Be age 3 years or older and have a developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22
- Meet income and resources guidelines set by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH)

We also provide SIL services through individual private pay contracts.

* Intermediate Care Facility for Person with Developmental Disabilities

Services Provided

- Assistance with the First Time Home Buyer program
- Assistance with housing needs
- Assistance in financial planning
- Accommodations for medical and mobilization needs
- Utilization of community resources
- Assistance with accessing emergency services
- Basic safety practices training
- Assistance in reaching educational and career goals
- Counseling for adjustment to independent living
- Monitoring of homes weekly by qualified professional staff

