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Waiver: A home and community based services waiver is authorized under Title IX of the Social Security Act and is an alternative program to institutional care. The waiver is funded by state and federal matching funds and is designed to provide services to individuals to live in their community rather than live in an institutional setting. The agency currently operates four home and community based services waivers, Tiers 1, 2, 3, and 4. The waivers are approved by the federal government as specific, individual waivers. Clients enrolled in any of the four waivers can choose to enroll in the CDC+ program (see CDC+) and self direct services.

WAN: Wide Area Network (Information Technology)