

# Waiver Redesign Structure and Eligibility

Over the past two years, Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) has gathered input from Iowans to help it redesign its home and community-based services waivers to better meet the needs of Iowans with disabilities.

The HOME team developed the following proposed changes. They are based on input from Iowa HHS, the HOME Project steering committee, and Iowans via surveys, interviews, and HOMEtown Conversations.



**Change from 7 waivers to 2, according to age**

**Waiver 1:** Children and Youth  
**Waiver 2:** Adult and Aging



**Offer comprehensive service packages**

Include formal and informal supports that meet the needs of Iowans across their lifespan



**Develop “tiered” budgets**

Allocate resources for eligible individuals based on their needs



**ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT** | To be eligible, individuals must meet two criteria: **(1)** they need the level of care that would be provided in an institution, and **(2)** their disability fits into one of the categories below.

## CURRENT HCBS WAIVERS (2024)

WAIVER	GROUPS SERVED	AGES SERVED
Elderly	Aging	65+
Intellectual Disability	Intellectual Disability	0+
Brain Injury	Brain Injury	0+
AIDS/HIV	AIDS/HIV	0+
Health & Disability	Physical disability; blind or disabled	0-64
Physical Disability	Physical disability; blind or disabled	18-64
Children’s Mental Health	Serious emotional disturbance (SED)	0-17



## PROPOSED WAIVER REDESIGN (2025/2026)

WAIVER	GROUPS SERVED	AGES SERVED
Children & Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intellectual disability</li> <li>Brain injury</li> <li>AIDS/HIV</li> <li>Physical disability, including blindness</li> <li>SED</li> <li>Developmental Disabilities <b>NEW</b></li> </ul>	0-20
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**IMPORTANT:** Iowa HHS will provide ongoing updates to individuals about how these changes impact them directly and is committed to providing continuous support when the waivers change.



Tell us your thoughts



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