

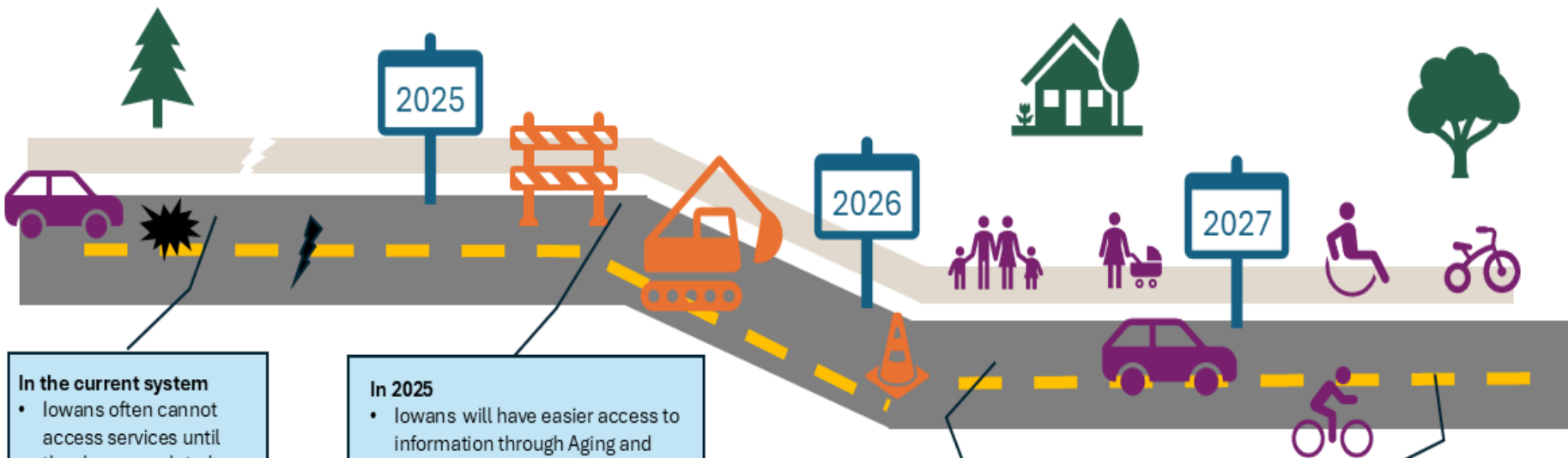
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Paving a New Path to Integrated Services for Iowans

Currently, Iowans face roadblocks in getting behavioral health care, disability services, and support with aging.

From 2022 to 2024, Iowa HHS worked with Iowans to learn how to create a coordinated system with better access to services.

Starting in 2025, Iowans will see improvements to the programs and services that provide support for people to live independently and in their community.



In the current system

- Iowans often cannot access services until they have escalated needs.
- Iowans do not have information to understand what services are available to them.
- Iowans with similar needs may qualify for different levels of support.

In 2025

- Iowans will have easier access to information through Aging and Disability Resource Centers.
- Iowans with behavioral health needs will have access to Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).
- Other services may be available to help people who live in institutions move back to the community.

In 2026

Iowa proposes to:

- Streamline the number of Medicaid waivers it offers and base their supports on need rather than diagnosis.
- Improve the waiver waitlist system.
- Strengthen community-based services, including crisis services, for children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED).

In 2027 and beyond

Iowa proposes that:

- Children with SED will access new services, including intensive case management.
- Two new services will launch under new Medicaid waivers: Peer Mentoring and Community Transition Supports.