



HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER REDESIGN LISTENING SESSION

May 6, 7 & 9, 2024

Agenda

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 - Proposed Timeline
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Current HCBS System

CHALLENGES

RECOMENDATIONS

1



Waitlists are not timely, efficient or needs-based

- Develop a single waitlist that allows Iowa HHS to understand needs and prioritize waiver slots

2



Services do not align with Iowa's needs

- Transition to a waiver system that is need-based, person-centered and equitable
- Expand service offerings to address the whole person
- Use tiered budget levels to more efficiently use limited funds

3



Services and supports are difficult to navigate and access

- Develop a system that is easier to understand and navigate
- Use blended provider networks to maximize capacity

HOME Guiding Principles



Equitable
access



High quality
service



Coordinated
systems



Proven
valuable
services

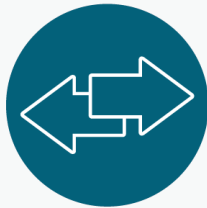


Effective and
accountable
system

Proposed Waiver Redesign

Supporting families, serving individuals across the lifespan, and serving individuals in the living situation that works best for them and their families.

1



Change from 7 waivers to 2, age-based waivers

Waiver 1: Children and Youth (ages 0 to 20)
Waiver 2: Adult and Aging (ages 21 and older)

2



Offer comprehensive service packages

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

3



Develop “tiered” budgets

Allocate resources for eligible individuals based on their needs

1. Change from 7 waivers to 2 age-based waivers

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"> Intellectual disability Brain injury AIDS/HIV Physical disability, including blindness SED Developmental Disabilities NEW 	0-20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intellectual disability Brain injury AIDS/HIV Physical disability, including blindness Aging Developmental Disabilities NEW 	21+



Waitlist Management

Current Waitlist	Future Waitlist
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some people apply for multiple waivers and stay on the waitlists for long periods without receiving adequate services to meet their needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An assessment and prioritization system would ensure those with the highest needs can access services in a timely fashion• People with lower assessed needs may be placed on a waitlist, and receive navigation services to connect them with services and supports during this time

2. Offer comprehensive service packages

Retain existing services
that lowans need and broadly use

Add services
to meet lowans' current unmet needs

Eliminate duplication
or overlapping components across services

Children & Youth Waiver

Daily Activities and Care

- Home-Delivered Meals
- Medical Day Care for Children
- Respite
- Supported Community Living
- Transportation

Help with Health Needs

- Positive Behavioral Support and Consultation
- Family and Community Support Service

Equipment and Modifications

- Assistive Devices
- Enabling Technology for Remote Support
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Personal Emergency Response Services

Day Services

- Day Habilitation
- Prevocational Services
- Supported Employment

Residential Services and Supports

- Residential-Based Supported Community Living

Self-Direction Supports

- Financial Management Service
- Independent Support Broker
- Individual Directed Goods and Services

Other Services

- **Community Transition Services**
- **Crisis Planning and Support**
- **Peer Mentoring**

Adult & Aging Waiver

Daily Activities and Care

- Attendant Care (skilled & unskilled)
- Companion*
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Home Health Aide
- Home Maintenance Support*

Help with Health Needs

- Positive Behavioral Support and Consultation
- Family Training
- Interim Medical Monitoring and Treatment
- Nursing
- Nutritional Counseling

Equipment and Modifications

- Assistive Devices
- Enabling Technology for Remote Support
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Personal Emergency Response Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment

Day Services

- Adult Day Health
- Day Habilitation
- Prevocational Services
- Supported Employment

Residential Services and Supports

- Assisted Living
- Supported Community Living

Self-Direction Supports

- Financial Management Service
- Independent Support Broker
- Individual Directed Goods and Services

Other Services

- Respite
- **Community Transition Services**
- **Crisis Planning and Support**
- **Peer Mentoring**
- Transportation

3. Develop “tiered” budgets

- ▶ A universal assessment would assess every individual’s needs and result in a level of need score.
- ▶ The score, plus other factors such as age or living arrangements, would set the monthly budget for waiver services.
- ▶ The approach would ensure lowans receive services they need in an efficient and cost-effective way.

Proposed timeline for waiver redesign



**Timeline contingent upon ongoing support from the IA legislature and federal review, support, and approval*

Discussion

- ▶ What feedback and questions do you have about the proposed waiver changes?
- ▶ What do you like about the proposed changes? What causes you to hesitate? What doubts or reservations do you have?
- ▶ What can Iowa HHS do to support you (providers or members) through the transition to redesigned waivers?

We want your feedback!

- ▶ View the concept paper

- Visit the HOME website:

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/13069/download?inline>

- ▶ Provide your feedback:

- Via email: iowahcbs@mathematica-mpr.com

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