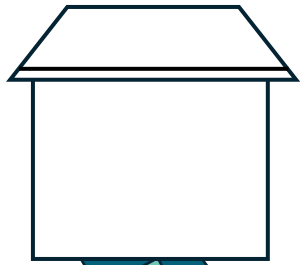
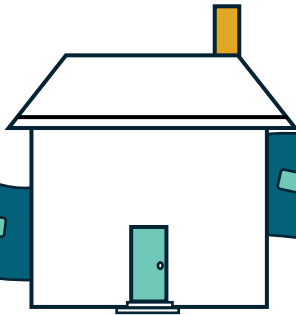


Hope and Opportunities in Many Environments (HOME) Project HCBS System Improvements Underway

Iowa HHS has been hard at work to strengthen the state's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) system through the HOME Project. You can find more detailed information [here on the Iowa HHS website](#).



2022 & 2023: Iowa HHS and our partners at Mathematica evaluated the HCBS system and spoke with members, caregivers, advocates and providers across Iowa to identify key areas for the HOME Project.



2024: Iowa HHS rolled out standardized case management training and lowered caseloads to give case managers more time with members.



2025: HHS is moving member assessments from managed care organizations (MCOs) to an organization called Telligen. HHS is also updating Intellectual Disability (ID) waiver assessments to use interRAI assessment tools just like all of Iowa's other waivers. We will also update the questions on the Waiver Priority Needs Assessment (WPNA) so that members on waiver waitlists can share more information with HHS about their needs.



2026: Iowa HHS plans to combine a few similar waiver services to make them easier to use and help members find the right services to match their needs. The new services will offer the same level of support, even though the names will be different. A public comment period in late summer 2025 will allow Iowans to share feedback on these changes.

2026 & Beyond: Iowa HHS is also working out the details of the proposed new waiver system, which would streamline Iowa's 7 waivers into 3 age-based waivers: a Children and Youth waiver, an Adult and Disability waiver, and the current Elderly waiver. We will share more information on the proposed new waivers later this year.