

HOME Project Update

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Waiver Public Comment

Public Comment

- ▶ Iowa HHS accepted public comments regarding the proposed waiver redesign from **Monday, January 12, 2026, through Friday, February 13, 2026.**
- ▶ **176 comments** were submitted related to the proposed waiver changes.
- ▶ Comments were received by community services providers, former and current waiver members, family and support persons of current members, and sources who did not specify how they were connected to the proposed waivers.
- ▶ Public comments primarily consisted of clarifying questions, perceived risks/gaps, and positive reception to proposed changes.
- ▶ Some comments aimed to help Iowa Medicaid to understand the point of view from those connected to the proposed waiver changes but ultimately many comments were not applicable to the larger waiver population or the application itself.

Changes Made

- ▶ **Medical Day Care for Children:** Updated to define traditional childcare setting as “structured, center-based programs or licensed in-home care.”
- ▶ Removed references to Phase II individualized budgeting in the AD waiver and added correct monthly service caps based on LOC.
- ▶ Updated WPNA language to read consistent across the CY and AD waivers.
- ▶ Corrected PERS service and removed self-direction.
- ▶ Amended Respite to allow the service to be delivered by individuals who are age 16 or older.

Changes to be Considered for Future Update

- ▶ **Home Maintenance:** expansion of adding "per job" as a payment type.
- ▶ The inclusion of maintenance or repair for specific HVM.

A public comment summary is being worked on and will be published on the [Public Notice webpage](#) soon.

Next Steps



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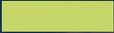
Waiver Applications

- ▶ The waiver applications have been submitted to CMS.
- ▶ CMS will now begin reviewing the applications and contact the state with questions.
- ▶ If CMS has questions or concerns, they will send them to HHS via a Request for Additional Information (RAI). This can happen multiple times and can take months.
- ▶ Once CMS has approved the waivers HHS will post them to the Medicaid website at the following link:

hhs.iowa.gov/public-notice/2026-01-12/public-notice-public-comment-period-proposed-1915c-home-and-community-based-services-hcbs-children

Continued Engagement

- ▶ We will continue to update and post additional information and quick guides to help support Case Managers, Members and families with these transitions.
- ▶ We will continue with stakeholder engagement through town halls, our steering committee and posting on the HOME webpage.
- ▶ We will continue to create trainings to support providers, case managers, and families.



Questions

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