

Developmental Disabilities Division

# WAIVER RENEWAL

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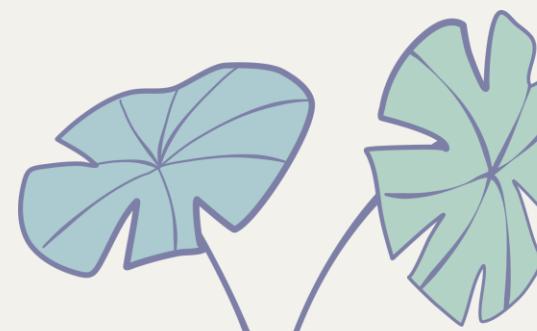


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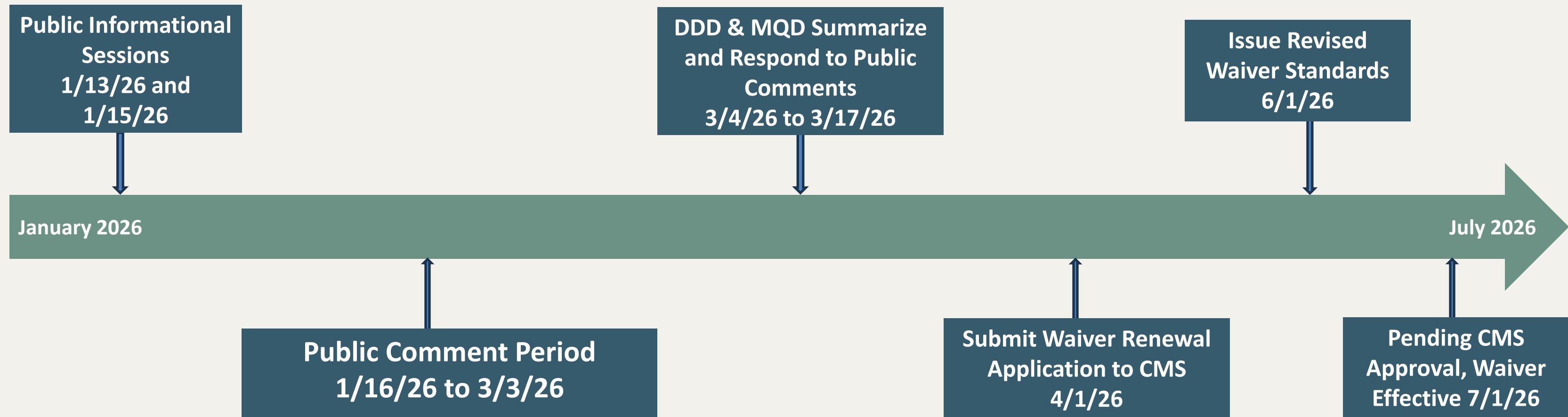
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# WAIVER RENEWAL TIMELINE





# WAIVER RENEWAL

- Clarified and Expanded Service Definitions
- Added 2 New Services
- Changed Service Limits for Select Services
- Added the Allowance of a Training and Consultation – Behavior in an Acute-Care Hospital
- Technical Changes in the Waiver
- Updated Transition to SIS-A 2nd Edition and Description of the 7 SIS Levels
- Updated Provider Monitoring Process
- Added 3 Supplemental Payments



# CLARIFIED and EXPANDED SERVICE DEFINITIONS

## Discovery and Career Planning

Clarified the service definition to align with federal Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) definitions for Customized Employment & the Discovery process.

## Individual Employment Supports

Clarified the service definition to include best practices and align with federal ODEP definitions for competitive integrated employment (CIE).

## Community Navigator

Clarified the service definition to be individualized and outcome-oriented and to promote community membership.

## Personal Emergency Response System

Expanded the service definition to adjust for current and evolving technology.

# NEW SERVICES



## Personal Care Assistance

- **Covers a range of assistance to support participants to accomplish tasks they would normally do for themselves**
- **For participants who can no longer benefit from habilitative services and allow them to age in place – only for participants assigned to SIS levels 5-7**
- **Included Personal Care Assistance (PCA) as a service subject to Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)**



## Residential Care Supports

- **Personal care and supportive services provided in a licensed or certified home**
- **For participants who can no longer benefit from habilitative services and allow them to age in place – only for participants assigned to SIS levels 5-7**

# CHANGES IN SERVICE LIMITS



## Additional Residential Supports

Changed short-term time limit from 60 days to 90 days to allow for more flexibility in the use of the service.



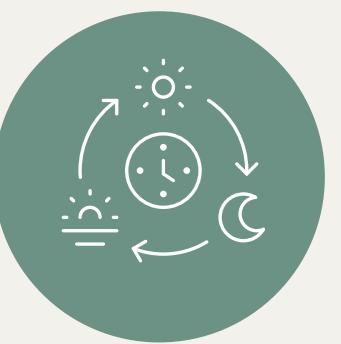
## Discovery and Career Planning

Changed maximum service limit from 24 months to 12 months, to align with national best practices for a more rapid engagement approach.



## Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

Updated language to allow for an Exceptions Review if maximum cost exceeds the limits to allow for flexibility to accommodate the continuous increases in the cost of construction material and labor.



## Private Duty Nursing

Changed the maximum average hours per day from 8 hours to 10 hours and increased the day limit from 30 days to 60 days to allow for more flexibility in the use of the service.



# WAIVER SERVICES IN AN ACUTE-CARE HOSPITAL

Waiver services in an acute-care hospital setting shall not replace services provided by hospital staff and are not a substitute for services the hospital is obligated to provide pursuant to its conditions of participation in Medicare and Medicaid, Federal or State law, or another applicable requirement.

- Personal Assistance/Habilitation is allowed to be provided
- Added Training and Consultation by a Behavior Analyst as a service available to a participant while in an acute-care hospital for transition purposes only



# TECHNICAL CHANGES IN THE WAIVER

Methods of  
Remediation/Fixing  
Individual Problems

Delivery of Case  
Management Services to  
describe the requirements  
for training on the HCBS  
settings regulation and  
person-centered planning  
requirements

State assurances for  
telehealth

Home and Community-  
Based Settings to describe  
the state's compliance with  
HCBS Settings rule

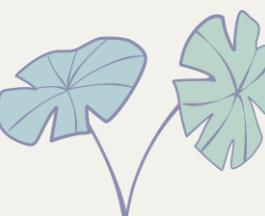
Abuse Registry Screening  
to describe the process  
for ensuring continuity  
of care for a waiver  
participant whose service  
provider was added to  
the abuse registry

Responsibility for  
Service Plan  
Development to describe  
case manager training  
and competency  
requirements for HCBS  
settings criteria and  
person-centered service  
plan development

Service Plan Development  
Process to describe how the  
participant engages in  
and/or directs the planning  
process and how the state  
documents consent of the  
person-centered service  
plan

HCBS Setting  
Requirements for the  
Service Plan to assure  
service plans comply with  
the HCBS Settings rule

Service Plan  
Implementation and  
Monitoring to describe  
adherence to the HCBS  
settings requirements with  
minor changes for clarity



# UPDATED REFERENCES TO THE USE OF SIS-A TO NOTE TRANSITION TO THE 2<sup>nd</sup> EDITION



Level 1	Low general support need, no extra medical or behavioral needs
Level 2	Moderate general support need, no extraordinary medical or behavioral needs
Level 3	Moderate general support need with moderate behavioral needs
Level 4	High general support need, no extraordinary medical or behavioral needs
Level 5	Very high general support need, no extraordinary medical or behavioral needs
Level 6	Extraordinary medical need
Level 7	Extraordinary behavioral support need



# UPDATED THE PROVIDER MONITORING PROCESS



**Provider monitoring process to be  
at least every three years or  
annually for providers requiring a  
corrective action plan.**



**DOH/DDD is in the process of  
revising the provider monitoring  
framework and tool to provide  
more intensive monitoring,  
oversight, and technical  
assistance for providers who do  
not meet state and federal  
requirements.**

# NEW SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

## Adult Foster Home (AFH)

- Supplemental payment to Residential Habilitation (ResHab) agencies that develop new neighbor island Adult Foster Homes
- Must be newly certified
- After 120 days of placement in the home
- \$5,000 for the first placement and an additional \$2,500 if there is a second placement

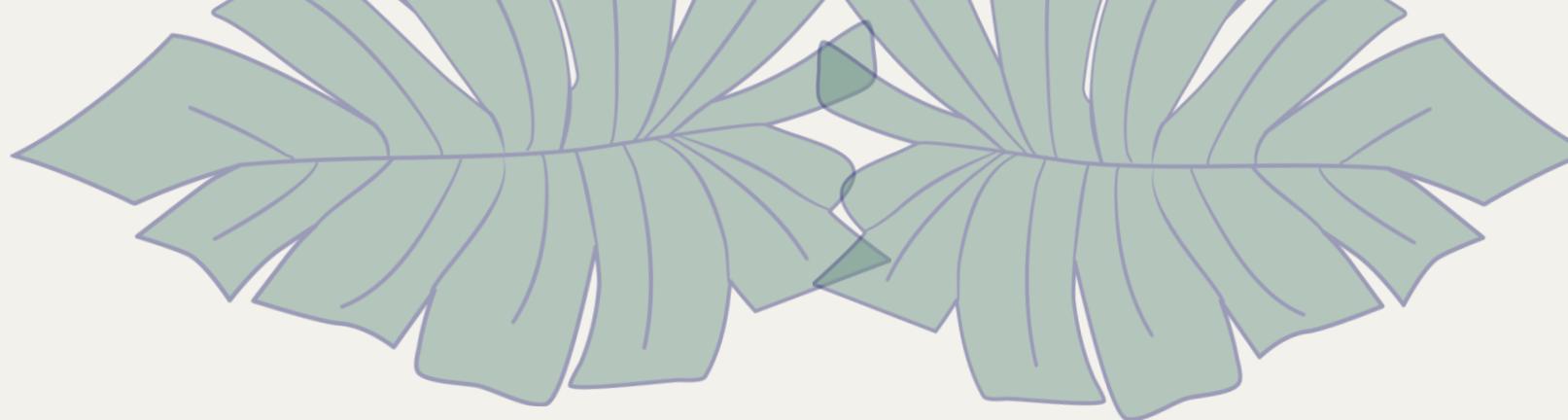
## Competitive Integrated Employment

- Supplemental payment to Employment service providers that help participants find and maintain a new job
- Must be competitive integrated employment, paying at least minimum wage
- Individual remains in the job for a period of time to ensure job is a good fit
- \$5,000 to the agency for successful job placements

## Workforce Development- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Certification

- Supplemental payment to service providers based on the number of direct support professionals (DSP) they employ with a Level 1 certification from the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP)
- Must be primarily engaged in providing direct support to DD participants
- \$1,250 per quarter (\$5,000 per year) to the agency for each certified DSP

DDD will not prescribe how agencies use the supplemental payments



# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

January 16, 2026 to March 3, 2026

Must be received by 11:59 PM on March 3, 2026

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## HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT

**Must submit in writing**



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# ANY QUESTIONS?



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