Disability Services Quarterly Updates WebEx will start shortly!

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To ask a question during the presentation use the Q&A Panel in WebEx
• Legislative Updates – Charles Young
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• Resources
2021 Legislative Session Recap

Charles Young
DSD Legislative Coordinator
Reminder:

When legislative changes are made, this gives DHS the authority to implement policies around the changes. Development of these policies takes work and time.

Please watch for DSD eList Announcements that communicates when the changes are effective.
2021 Legislative Session overview

• Budget forecast rollercoaster
  Deficit – Surplus – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Bigger Surplus

• Regular session concluded without a budget in place
  Policy-only Health and Human Service Omnibus passed (HF2128)

• Special session was convened on June 14\textsuperscript{th}
  Shutdown was looming
  6/26: A Health and Human Service Omnibus with over 800m in new spending
  Signed by the Governor on 6/29
Policy bill highlights (HF2128)

• Community First Services and Supports (CFSS)

• Public Guardianship updates

• Recodifications
  
  MnCHOICES
  
  DWRS

• 121 day institutional stay before MnCHOICES required
Budget bill highlights (HF33 1st Special Session)

• CFSS rate framework and cost reporting
• DWRS Inflationary adjustment schedule
• HHA and Home Care nursing frameworks + 5% rate increase
• ICF/DD rate increases
• Enhanced PCA – qualification reduced from 12 to 10 hours
• Waiver Reimagine II
• Informed Choice requirements
• CFSS – allows workers to transport people
• EIDBI Background Studies
• PCA parent/spouse compensation extension
Budget bill highlights (HF33 1st Special Session) cont.

- Telehealth Act
  - Allowance for MnCHOICES to be conducted remotely
  - EIDBI service impact
- Assessment of DCT and Safety Net Services
- Deletion of the State Quality Council
  - Reinvestment in the Regional Quality Council
- SEIU contract ratification
- Residential Support Service limits
- Customized Living Moratorium
- Mental Heath Uniform Service Standards (USS)

NOT included in the bill:
- No waiver eligibility limits
- No decreases in FSG, SILS
- No change to remote service delivery rates
- No family foster care tiered rates
- No lead agency penalties for Informed Choice
HF33 Cont. Grants, Studies & Temp projects

- Rick Cardenas Self-Advocacy Network
- Minnesota Inclusion Initiative Grant
- Parent-to-Parent Peer Support
- Customized Living Quality Improvement
- Supportive Parenting study
- Inclusive childcare for children with disabilities
- Transition to community initiative
- Technology grants for HCBS participants
- ‘Individual HCBS portal’
- Lead Agency Process mapping

- Provider capacity grants for rural/underserved
- Expand Mobile Crisis
- PRTF & Mobile transition unit
- Reduce reliance on children’s congregate care study
- Taskforce on ending sub-minimum wage
- Respite Services Grants and Studies
- Centers for Independent Living grant increase
- HCBS workforce development grants
2022 Legislative Session
MnCHOICES Revision Updates

• Work continues towards the launch of the revised application in November 2021
  • **Aug. 25th launch webinar:** will cover a number of topics related to onboarding and the new role of Security admin/liaisons
  • 10 lead agencies (8 counties and 2 tribal nations) will be participating in the Revised MnCHOICES Project pilot scheduled for October 1\(^{st}\)–22\(^{nd}\) and will focus on reassessments with people on the disability waivers.

• Link to **MnCHOICES Revision Project page:**
  • **Instructions for agencies moving from MnCHOICES Assessment (MnA) and MnCHOICES Support Plan (MnSP) to the revised MnCHOICES application.**
    • Managed care organizations and their delegates may refer to **Managed Care questions from the revised MnCHOICES application launch.**
• Functional Needs Update
  
  • On July 14, 2021, a [Functional Needs Update eList announcement](#) was sent to lead agencies regarding this new assessment type. This activity type will be effective upon the launch in November, 2021.

  • The current LTC service change activity type (i.e., Activity type 10) used by AC and EW case manager/care coordinators will be repurposed for the functional needs update assessment type completed by certified assessors in the revised MnCHOICES application.

• Updated MnCHOICES Efficiencies Memo

  • This will be updated to reflect current policy and plans moving forward with the revised MnCHOICES application

  • August 2021 release will outline end dates to some of the temporary policies created as part of this memo
Lead agencies must immediately begin using the new version, **Primary medical provider’s documentation of medical monitoring and treatment needs, DHS-7096.**

The updated form:

- Informs assessors during the determination process for hospital LOC
- Must be completed **annually** for a person to be considered for hospital LOC
DHS has authorization to implement the next phase of the Waiver Reimagine project to support and expand informed choices and informed decision making by:

- Reshaping the four current disability waiver programs into a two-waiver structure
- Transitioning to individualized budgets for people who use disability waivers
- Increasing access to and options for self-directed services
- Developing a web-based online support-planning tool for people with disabilities and families. The tool will provide information about their assessment, support plan, services, budgets and resources to help them plan for services.

July 21st eList-Legislature authorizes Phase 2 of Waiver Reimagine
DHS will continue to communicate with the people we serve, their families and other interested parties over the next several years on different aspects of the project.

• Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee

• Lead Agency discussions
DHS plans to complete the following work:

• Fall 2021: Develop work plans/communication plans and organize the Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee

• 2022: Develop waiver amendment language and receive feedback from the public

• 2023: Conduct public comment on waiver amendments, submit waiver amendments to the federal government, develop policies and procedural guidance

• 2024 and later: Begin rolling implementation of individual budgets and the two-waiver system.
Lead agency office hours

• Aug. 27, 2021
• Sept. 24, 2021
• Oct. 22, 2021
• Nov. 19, 2021
• Dec. 17, 2021

Registration Details: Lead Agency Office Hours

Provider Office Hours
DSD is seeking feedback on how the Waiver Reimagine office hours are structured

Please submit your feedback to Waiver.Reimagine@state.mn.us
Customized Living moratorium

- Effective July 1, 2021, DHS cannot enroll any new CL settings serving four or fewer people in single-family homes for delivery of BI & CADI customized living or 24-hour customized living, per MN Statute 256.49, subd.28.

- The lead agency is financially responsible for all BI and CADI HCBS service payments in any new customized living settings serving four or fewer people in a single-family home that was not operational on or before June 30, 2021.

- This change does not impact Elderly Waiver customized living services

- DHS is updating the enrollment forms to align with these changes
• Assisted living facility licensure law toolkit for lead agencies

• Assisted living licensees can be found in the MDH provider directory Health Care Provider Directory (state.mn.us).
New guidance that replaces the “VRS, SSB, IDEA and home and community-based employment services – interim guidance”

- Define the plan phase and find phase for employment development services
- Help lead agencies and case managers determine when services are available through VRS/SSB or the school and when to authorize waiver employment services
- Clarify that VRS/SSB is the primary funder for job search supports
- Limit the conditions when the lead agency can authorize employment development services for the find phase.

For more information about the guidance, see the July 7, 2021 eList announcement.

SPP LC Employment Archived Trainings

Disability Hub- Work Toolkit
This guidance includes information about:

- Case manager responsibilities during the termination notice period
- Legal rights of the person and/or guardian
- Service options for adults and children
- Crisis respite providers
- DHS contact information
• On June 30, the Legislature passed a bill to end the peacetime emergency on July 1, 2021.

• Information related to changes to the COVID waivers and modifications is outlined in the [AASD and DSD eList announcement from July 12, 2021](#).

• Lead agencies must continue to follow the requirements outlined in [Bulletin #20-56-06 COVID-19: Participation in LTSS Programs Cannot be Terminated (PDF)](#) until further notice. These requirements are tied to the federal public health emergency timeline.
COVID waivers already ended

The following waivers ended May 28, 2021:

• CV.49 – Rescinding all prior modification of licensing requirements for adult day centers

• CV.73 – Rescinding all prior modifications of licensing requirements for providers of day services for adults with disabilities
COVID waivers that end Aug. 30, 2021

• CV.50- Modifying certain requirements for EIDBI Services

• CV.53- Allowing flexibility for PCA Services oversight and hours eList published on 7/26/21

• CV.89- Modifying requirements to maintain long-term services and supports eList published on 7/27/21

• CV.105 – Modifying requirements for certain evaluation reports prior to admission to a nursing facility. eList published on 7/16/21
COVID waivers with a modified expiration date

We have federal waiver plan authority for “no later than 6 months after the end of the federal public health emergency” for the following waivers:

• CV.15 – Allowing phone or video visits for waiver programs eList published 7/27/21

• CV.43 – Expanding remote HCBS waiver services for people with disabilities

• CV.44 – Allowing remote delivery of adult day services
On June 29, 2021, the State of Minnesota enacted a law (see Article 5) which phases out the COVID-19-based moratorium that suspended evictions and landlord-initiated lease terminations since March of 2020.

• Minnesota Housing developed resources for Minnesotans who have questions about the eviction moratorium coming to an end.
Waivers and modifications webpage provides:

- All of the waivers and modifications put into place during the peacetime emergency.
- Date it went into effect
- Expiration date/projected expiration date

Send questions related to specific waivers and modifications to the dsd.responsecenter@state.mn.us
Upcoming Training sessions/Webinars
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<td>Provide most recent person-centered updates and initiatives, policy updates and training.</td>
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Registration for the second 2021 Odyssey webinar is now open

**Topic:** Reinvention

**Date:** October 7, 2021 9am-Noon

[Registration Page]
A recording of the COVID-19 temporary DSD program waivers unwind presentation is available until Oct. 23, 2021

- COVID-19 waivers unwind handout 7/23/21 (PDF)
- Call 1-855-859-2056
- Enter conference ID 595-0168
DSD training news and information

- Upcoming trainings
- New online self-paced trainings
- Link to training archive page
- Additional training opportunities

DSD training news and information

DHS provides a variety of training opportunities for lead agency staff and other interested stakeholders. Available training focuses on the state and federal programs administered by DSD and DHS.

The terminology used to describe people with disabilities has changed over time. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the use of “People First” language. Although outmoded and offensive terms might be found within documents on the DHS website, DHS does not endorse these terms.

Scheduled training and information updates

**Webinar and in-person training**

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DHS COVID-19 Resources

• **DSD COVID-19 website**: COVID-19 Updates from Disability Services Division / Minnesota Department of Human Services (mn.gov)

• **DSD COVID-19 FAQ**: DSD COVID-19 frequently asked questions / Minnesota Department of Human Services (mn.gov)

• **DHS waivers and modifications**: https://mn.gov/dhs/waivers-and-modifications/
Critical Care Supplies: mn.gov/ppe website

Find Testing Locations: https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/index.jsp

Vaccination Information: COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Health Professionals - Minnesota Dept. of Health
https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/index.html -
Waiver Reimagine FAQs

2021 Waiver Reimagine Legislative Report (PDF)

2020 Waiver Reimagine Communications and Engagement Summary Report (PDF): This report provides detailed information about our 2020 virtual stakeholder engagement and communication.

Waiver Reimagine: Simplifying the service menu: This new page provides service planning information and scenarios for each streamlined service.

Disability Hub MN Waiver Reimagine: Overview: This new page provides information about Waiver Reimagine to people and families, including tools and resources for planning services and supports.

Changes to simplify and expand disability services (PDF): We sent this letter to people who access services and their families to explain the Waiver Reimagine changes and our next steps.

Questions: Waiver.Reimagine@state.mn.us
Assisted Living Licensure resources

- MDH Assisted Living Licensure webpage
- Assisted Living Fact Sheets
- Contact health.assistedliving@state.mn.us for questions about the assisted living licensure requirement
- Contact dhs.aasd.hcbs@state.mn.us for questions about new provider standards for customized living providers
Communications from DHS

**Bulletins**
Official policy communications to inform DHS business partners, about program changes and required actions

**E-List Announcements**
Official policy communications to inform Disability Services Division business partners, about program changes and required actions

Policy and general reference

**Community-Based Services Manual**
Online manual and reference tool for lead agencies who administer HCBS.

**CountyLink**
A website designed for counties administering all DHS programs that includes manuals, performance measurement data, training resources, and I.T. systems (including SSIS and MnCHOICES, including MnCHOICES Matters).
Thank you!

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