



HSP Town Hall Meeting

Merging Three HCBS Waivers into One

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What is a HCBS Waiver?

A Home and Community Based Services Waiver is a program that provides services that allow persons with severe disabilities to live in their own homes instead of nursing facilities.

Only persons who have been approved for Medicaid can be enrolled in a waiver.

The Federal funding pays for half of the program.



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DRS Waivers

The Division of Rehabilitation Services currently operates 3 Waivers. The 3 waivers are commonly referred to as the Home Services Program.

- Persons With Disabilities Waiver
- Persons with HIV/AIDs Waiver
- Persons with Brain Injury Waiver

DRS Waivers (continued)

HSP customers who are approved to receive Medicaid are enrolled in a waiver.

HSP customers who were denied Medicaid eligibility are 100% state funded.

HSP customers may not know if they are enrolled in a waiver or if they are state funded, as the services are similar.

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Why Merge the Waivers?

Responsible use of State resources.

The Persons with Brain injury and Persons with HIV/AIDs Waivers have services that were not available to customers in the Persons with Disabilities waiver.

Combining the Waivers, opens these services to other customers who need them.



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Effect on HSP Customers

There will be no negative impact to customers.

Customer Service Plans will not change.

Some customers may be eligible for new services at the time of their next Determination of Need (DON) assessment.

Services for Eligible Customers

After the new waiver is approved, these services may be available to eligible Customers at the time of the next DON assessment.

- Day Habilitation*
- Pre-Vocational*
- Behavioral*
- Supported Employment*
- Case Management

*Service cost maximum limits apply.



Day Habilitation

Services that help customers learn independent living skills.

These services help individuals to be more independent in their homes and include training in the areas of personal care, house cleaning, cooking, shopping, money management, and other tasks.

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Pre-vocational Services

Services provided by an agency that helps customers qualify for the DRS Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

These services do not provide job training but help customers develop personal skills needed for employment such as good personal hygiene, wearing appropriate work clothing, communication skills, punctuality, safety, and problem solving.



Behavioral Services

Remedial therapies designed to assist individuals with mental health and behavioral concerns that make it difficult to live independently. Services may include counseling, psychotherapy, occupational therapy, etc.

These services can only be provided by a licensed therapist.



Supported Employment

Services provided by a job coach to assist the individual in completion of work tasks.

This service is available for customers in the DRS Vocational Rehabilitation Program case.

Customers need to have a vocational goal of supported employment.



Case Management

For customers who need ongoing support, monthly case management contacts will be made to make sure the customer's needs are being met and to address emergencies.

Case managers may either call or come to the customer's home to check on customer wellness, assist with completion of paperwork, or finding and managing providers.

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Effect on HSP Providers

There will be no negative impact to providers.

Providers are not enrolled in waivers.



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