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Disability Services

HCBS Advisory Committee Summer 2022

August 29, 2022

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Upcoming Policy & Procedure Updates

Implementation of Waiver Amendments

- Eligibility Procedure
- Waiting List Policy and Procedure
- Remote Supports Policy
- Self Direction Policy

Other Updates

- Incident Management & Enforcement
- Behavior Support Plans
- Provider Performance Review

Waiting List Procedure

Summary of Public Feedback

The Person has the right to appeal the determination of the appropriate waiver.

Response: Every example that raises the concern about a right to appeal includes that the person was denied a particular service. People have a right to appeal the denial of a service, not to appeal how DDS will fund that service.

The Person has the right to appeal the determination of their waiting list priority level.

Response: Agreed.

The person should be offered temporary placement in a waiver with available slots if a waiting list is in place in their assigned waiver.

Response: There can be no temporary placement in either the IDD or IFS waivers.

Before removal from the waiting list, DDS should use multiple means of contact (including phone calls and email) rather than mail only.

Response: Agreed.

Waiting List Procedure

Summary of Public Feedback (cont'd)

People receiving services through the DC Healthcare Alliance should not have services delayed in the event of a waiting list for Medicaid waiver services.

Response: This is an equity issue. Everyone who applies for services should be considered regardless of their citizenship, residency status or other demographic information based on their current needs.

DDS should allow the person to request an immediate review of their assigned priority level either orally or in writing.

Response: Agreed.

DDS should allow the person to request a change in priority during the development of their ISP meeting.

Response: The final determination of waiting list priority level is made after the ISP is completed and a recommendation submitted by the Continuing Services Service Coordinator to the Waiver Unit is approved.

Eligibility Procedure

Updates and Next Steps

- Additional Procedure Updates
 - Clarified the acceptable age of a psychological assessment to be considered “current”
 - Adjusted some timelines for processing and notification
 - Clarified the steps for people who previously applied for DDA services
- Public Comments on Draft Procedure
 - Open Period: August 29-September 12, 2022
- Additional Public Forum (Sept. 19, 2022)

Eligibility Procedure

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Survey

DDS wants your input on what questions to include in an Eligibility FAQ!



Sample Questions

- What is a Developmental Disability?
- What Do I Need to Apply?
- Where Can I Apply?
- How Long Does the Process Take?
- What If I Applied for DDA Services Before and Was Denied?
- Where Can I Learn More?

Questions and Answers





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Summary and Next Steps

**Next HCBS Advisory Committee Meeting:
Monday, September 26, 2022 (tentative)**

