Long-Term Services and Supports Program Innovations

1981: State Plan personal care for individuals with physical disabilities
1984: Legislation approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for Medicare and Medicaid Services statute
1985: First state to fund telecommunication relay agents prior to ADA
1988: State-funded in-home self-directed option program allows control nursing care
1991: Legislature approves funds for Medicare and Medicaid Services statute
1995: Legislature passes amendment to State Plan eligibility for Medicaid. First state to fund family home licensing
1999: legislature passes HB 1908 creating a national budget for LTSS, and Oversight
2000: DOH to DSHS. Transfers from Oversight
2001: Legislation approved that allows savings to help with acuity based settings. Kinship Caregivers
2002: State Family Caregiver Kinship Program, 84% of caregivers show significant improvement on key outcomes
2003: Standardized Adult Abuse Registry for individuals with disabilities
2004: Caregivers support registry
2005: Money Follows the Person program in Washington
2006: Hard of Hearing. of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Telecommunications Service Centers
2007: “Communication Facilitator” for deaf-blind individuals
2008: “Telecommunications Relays”
2009: Survey pilot starts for certification
2010: Continuous quality assurance unit for a sustainable system
2011: New Long-Term Care Survey
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2013: Division of Long-Term Care
2014: Online complaint protections for residents
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2016: New Long-Term Care Survey
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