Waiver Redesign Project Timeline

As restructuring unfolds, the DSHS DDCS community will experience it at different times and in different ways, as described below. Strong change management planning and execution will prepare people for changes and smooth the process as changes occur.

Phase 1

Completed Jan – June 2025 Planning

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June – December 2025 *Planning*

Phase 2

January 2026 – December 2026 Community collaborator engagement and change management

Phase 3

January 2027 – September 2027 System changes and Federal approval

Phase 4

September 2027 – September 2028 Implementation roll out

- Transparency with Specialized Habilitation services by changing the name to Life Skills.
- Changes to expand Transportation for increased access
- Policy updates and improvement for multiple services.
- Project plan development.
- See the summary of our most recent Waiver Amendments on our Waiver Programs webpage by clicking here.
- See our HCBS Waiver services videos by clicking <u>here</u>.

- Implementation of increased rates for some waiver services, July 1,2025.
- Feasibility of combining some services.
- Analysis of service requests to identify barriers and simplify processes.
- Complete analysis of contracting process barriers, provider capacity and service utilization.
- Evaluate possibilities of service changes.
- Evaluating system change feasibility and resource needs.
- Start service design development.
- Begin community collaboration efforts.

- Service design continues.
- Community collaboration continues.
- Decision package requests are formulated and request legislation if needed.
- Meet with Health Care Authority on access to behavioral healthcare for individuals with IDD
- Rate methodology: evaluation of our current rates, leading to the development of a tiered provider rate schedule based on support needs with value-based payment options for some services.
- DDCS provider data collection.
- Identify quality monitoring needs and start plan development for roll out.

- Submission of new waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with. public comment period and tribal engagement process.
- Contract development.
- Quality monitoring plan development and roll out.
- Training.
- Rate systems changes.
- Contracting providers and targeted recruitment in needed areas.
- Develop and publish WAC and Policy.

- Transition to new waivers.
- Shut down old waivers.

