

**Summary of Proposed Changes in the Renewal Applications of the
Three HCBS Waivers for Adults with ID**

Proposed changes to the Intensive Supports Waiver (IS), Community Living Waiver (CL), and Adult Supports Waiver (AS):

- Increasing the number of participants that can be served.
- Updating operational and administrative processes to reflect current procedures and systems.
- Updating the waiver to indicate that the state now maintains an abuse registry through the establishment of the Disabled Person’s Protection Commission (DPPC) registry of care providers against whom DPPC has made a substantiated finding of registerable abuse.
- Describing the processes for meeting the state’s requirements of screening of individuals through this DPPC registry.
- Incorporating language requiring providers to comply with DPPC abuse registry requirements in accordance with 118 CMR 15.00: Department and Employer Registry-related Hiring and Retention Procedures.
- Updating data sources and sampling approaches for several performance measures.
- Updating the descriptions of the two self-direction models, the Participant Directed Program (PDP) and the Agency with Choice Program (AWC) and the operational processes involved.
- Adding exploitation and deaths to the list of critical events and incidents that DDS reports to the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC).
- Adding language to describe DDS utilization of positive behavior supports (PBS), a systemic, person-centered approach to understanding the reasons for behavior and applying evidence-based practices for prevention, proactive intervention, teaching and responding to behavior, with the goal of achieving meaningful social outcomes, increasing learning and enhancing the quality of life across the lifespan. System-wide PBS is utilized to assure the dignity, health, and safety of participants and utilization only of procedures which have been determined to be the least restrictive or least intrusive alternatives.
- Introducing the PBS Qualified Clinician as a provider with roles and responsibilities in the utilization of positive behavior supports.
- Clarifying the sources for several provider rates.
- Changing pronouns throughout to be gender neutral.

	Adult Supports	Community Living	Intensive Supports
Waiver Year 5 of Current Waiver	6,730	2,691	11,518
Waiver Year 1	6,830	2,716	11,568
Waiver Year 2	6,930	2,741	11,618
Waiver Year 3	7,030	2,766	11,668
Waiver Year 4	7,130	2,791	11,718
Waiver Year 5	7,230	2,816	11,768
Slots added over course of waiver renewal: 875 total	500	125	250

Proposed Changes to IS, CL, and AS Waiver Services:

- Adding and defining Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) Qualified Clinician into the service definition and provider qualifications for the Behavioral Supports and Consultation service.
- Increasing the 5 year limit from \$15,000 to \$50,000 for the Home Modifications and Adaptations service.
- Increasing the 5 year limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for the Vehicle Modification service.

Proposed Changes to only the IS Waiver Services:

- Establishing Placement Services (Shared Living) - 24 Hour Supports as its own service, separated out from Residential Habilitation.