# EOHHS Listening Session

**Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendment Application:**

Intensive Supports Waiver

Community Living Waiver

Adults Supports Waiver

August 1, 2022

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## Agenda

* Introductions
* Overview of Waiver Amendment
* Process & Timeline
* Public Comments

## Common Acronyms and Terms

CMS - Centers for Medicate and Medicaid Services

EOHHS - Executive Office of Health and Human Services

HCBS - Home and Community Based Services

MassHealth - The Massachusetts Medicaid Program

DDS – Department of Developmental Services

**Overview: Massachusetts is amending the  
Intensive Supports Waiver, Community Living Waiver, and Adult Supports Waiver**

## CMS typically approves Home and Community Based Services waivers for a period of five years.

## Changes to an approved waiver must be submitted to CMS in the form of a Request for an Amendment.

## MassHealth and DDS jointly developed the amended applications.

## The draft waiver amendment applications are posted for a 30-day public comment period that ends on August 10, 2022.

## Today we are holding a listening session to hear public comments about the amended applications.

## Summary of Changes to Waiver

## The purpose of these amendments is to remove the Day Habilitation Supplement service from the Intensive Supports Waiver, Community Living Waiver, and Adult Supports Waiver, effective January 1, 2023.

## The Day Habilitation Supplement service is transitioning to a component of the Day Habilitation (DH) state plan service.

## This change provides a more streamlined and structured service for members and DH providers.

## MassHealth and DDS are working collaboratively to transition the Day Habilitation Supplement service, renamed Individualized Staffing Supports (ISS), from the Intensive Supports Waiver, Community Living Waiver, and Adult Supports Waiver to the state plan.

## Incorporating the Day Habilitation Supplement into the DH program will streamline the administration and will make the service available to all eligible MassHealth members, not only those enrolled in one of the DDS Adult ID waivers.

* MassHealth and DDS have worked closely on policies and procedures to ensure that current recipients of the Day Habilitation Supplement service will continue to receive the service in the same amount and duration through this transition.
* MassHealth and DDS have identified all individuals currently receiving Day Habilitation Supplement and have established an Administrative Prior Authorization to continue these services once they transition to Individualized Staffing Supports. This will happen automatically; individuals and providers do not need to take any action.

## Process: HCBS Waiver Amendment

* 1. DDS and MassHealth collaborate to identify updates
  2. Gather public input
  3. Review public comments and make additional revisions to amended application where appropriate
  4. Request CMS approval
  5. Implement updates when waiver amendment authorization period begins

## Timeline

Request approval from CMS at least three months prior to desired effective date

## Target submission date

September 2022

## Target effective date

January 1, 2023

## Public Comment: DDS requests public input

* Last day to submit comments: **August 10, 2022**
* Comments can be emailed to EOHHS:
  + [HCBSWaivers@mass.gov](mailto:HCBSWaivers@mass.gov) (Please state “ID Waiver Comments” in the subject line)
* Application with the proposed amendments and this presentation are posted online:
  + <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/home-and-community-based-services-waiver-renewal-and-amendment-applications-public>
* Hard copies of the application with proposed amendments available upon request.
  + Email request to [HCBSWaivers@mass.gov](mailto:HCBSWaivers@mass.gov) (Please state “ID Waiver Comments” in the subject line)

## Public Comment: Oral Comment at Today’s Listening Session

* Share your input with us today
* Please state your name and affiliation (e.g., waiver participant, family member, waiver service provider, etc.)
* Oral comment at today’s session does **not** need to be submitted in writing
* If you wish to provide comments but are unable to do so during today’s session, please email your comments to [HCBSWaivers@mass.gov](mailto:HCBSWaivers@mass.gov) (Please state “ID Waiver Comments” in the subject line) **August 10, 2022.**

***Thank you!***