

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (DD) WAIVER WAITING LIST

- **Provide additional DD Waivers to address the waiting list crisis:**
 - 800 Family and Individual Support (FIS) Waivers
 - 250 Community Living (CL) Waivers
 - Language that allows DBHDS to create additional Waivers if cost savings are realized.
- **Transition the 4,000 people with DD from the EDCD Waiver to the DD Waiver**, where their needs will be met with more appropriate services and supports. This action will reduce the waiting list by 36%.

EDUCATION

- **Direct the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to develop a long-range, statewide Inclusion Implementation Plan** for children with developmental disabilities. The plan should include a report on current access to inclusive education in school districts across the Commonwealth. The plan should be developed in consultation with experts in inclusive education and systems change.
- **Support recommendations in RD429 to ensure that students with developmental disabilities have appropriate services and supports in neighborhood schools.**
 - Amend the Children's Services Act (CSA) to "carve out" and transfer CSA state pool funding for students with disabilities to the VDOE.
 - Authorize CSA to allow localities to apply for "demonstration grants" to design and implement promising strategies that focus on increasing flexibility of CSA and/or other resources made available to school divisions to address the needs of students with disabilities who might otherwise be served in private residential settings.
 - Direct VDOE to develop reporting requirements for private special education facilities that are equivalent to reporting requirements for public schools.

More than 11,000 Virginians with developmental disabilities and their families are on waiting lists for home and community-based services.

IMPROVING OPERATIONS IN THE DD SYSTEM

- Uphold the commitment to **ensure seamless transition between Waiver programs.** Require that all Community Living Waiver slots that become available in FY18 due to turnover be provided to individuals and families in the DD Waiver program who have requested a “reserve” waiver slot.
- **Require accountability and transparency** regarding services for people with DD and their families.
 - Require DBHDS to submit a report detailing the needs of the waiting list by July 1 of each year.
 - Require DBHDS to report on the allocation of DD Waiver slots by October 1 of each year.
 - Require DBHDS to notify DD Waiver participants of their SIS score, tier and appeal rights.
 - Require DBHDS to implement the customized rate for people with complex needs without delay.
 - Require an independent review of the SIS and tier formulas.
- **Direct DBHDS to track and report statewide capacity** in the area of integrated services and the effectiveness of the new reimbursement rate structure. The report should incorporate stakeholder input and include recommendations for funding, technical assistance and other actions that must be taken to address inadequacies and ensure sufficient capacity.
- **Continue to defer the enrollment of DD waiver participants into managed Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) plans** until Virginia reaches compliance with the terms of the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement and the CMS Rule.

CONSUMER-DIRECTED SERVICES

- **Support the Disability Commission’s recommendation that DMAS implement an exceptions process** for the limit on consumer-directed attendant hours.

EARLY INTERVENTION

- **Increase the reimbursement rate for the Medicaid Early Intervention Targeted Case Management to its data-determined adequacy.**

WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT

- **Request that the Secretary of Health and Human Resources establish a “Workforce Improvement Taskforce”** aimed at improving access to high quality personal care and community-based direct supports. The taskforce should include representatives of the aging, disability and behavioral health communities and will serve as a venue to address areas of common interest.

TRANSITION TO A COMMUNITY SYSTEM

- **Complete the closure of the two remaining state training centers** and transition to a community-based service system, as required by the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.



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