

DHHS HOME & COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

October 2, 2023
4:00 PM Central Time

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81170221250?pwd=ZXFrUHc0VFhCUDBrWHpnVmdnakcrUT09>

- 1) Division of Behavioral Health
 - a) Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Overview

- 2) Division of Child and Family Services
 - a) Protection & Safety
 - (1) Biden-Harris administration release [three new rules](#) for state child welfare agencies
 - (a) The three rules will support kinship caregivers, protect LGBTQI+ children in foster care, and expand access to legal representation for children and families in the child welfare system.
 - b) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - (1) The LIHEAP heating season begins Oct. 1st, 2023; Heating assistance eligibility will be determined starting the same date
 - (2) DHHS does not expect to receive federal LIHEAP funds until November, as is typical
 - c) Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)
 - (1) LIHWAP was extended; DHHS will be accepting applications through ACCESSNebraska through the end of February 2024
 - (2) Oct. 1st, 2023 will begin the new year. Thus, households that have received LIHWAP can request assistance again starting then.
 - d) Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS) Program
 - (1) Effective September 2, 2023, Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-1512 was amended under the passing of LB 227. LB227 increased the maximum support allowable under the DPFS program to \$400 per month per disabled person, averaged over the approved 12-month eligibility period.
 - (a) Or \$400 per month per family averaged over any 12-month eligibility period for the first disabled family member plus \$200 per month averaged over 12 months for each additional disabled family member.

- (2) The DPFS program maximum support allowable for eligible clients in a 12-month eligibility period is now \$4,800.
- e) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - (1) Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits for Summer 2023 were issued on Sept. 12th and 14th.
 - (2) Additional clean-up issuances are being scheduled for this fall; clean-up issuances include families that were missed in the original issuances.
- 3) Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care
 - a) Welcome our new DHHS CEO, [Dr. Steve Corsi](#)
 - b) Medical Care Advisory Committee
 - (1) Next meeting is Oct. 19th, 2023, 3 – 5 p.m.
 - c) Electronic Visit Verication update
 - (1) Personal Care Services and Home Health Care Services
 - d) Updated Heritage Health [Quality Strategy](#)
 - (1) Public comment ended 9/24/23
 - e) [Medicaid Unwind Dashboard](#)
- 4) Liberty – Quality Update
 - a) Guardianship training was provided in partnership with the Office of Public Guardian
 - b) Human and Legal Rights Advisory Committee Update
- 5) Division of Developmental Disabilities
 - a) Waiver updates – Policy Unit
 - b) E&E Stakeholder Listening Session Overview
 - c) National recognized/universal Emergency Safety Intervention for agency providers
 - d) Shared Living Providers Changes
- 6) Next Meeting: November 6, 2023

Resources:

Division of Behavioral Health Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Behavioral-Health.aspx>

Division of Child and Family Services Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Children-and-Family-Services.aspx>

LIHEAP Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/energy-assistance.aspx>

LIHWAP Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Low-Income-Household-Water-Assistance.aspx>

DPFS Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Disabled-Persons-and-Family-Support.aspx>

SNAP Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/SNAP.aspx>

Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/medicaid-and-long-term-care.aspx>

Medical Care Advisory Committee Page & Agenda: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/MCAC.aspx>

EVV Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Visit-Verification.aspx>

Liberty Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Liberty-Partnership-Quality-Project.aspx>

Division of Developmental Disabilities Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Developmental-Disabilities.aspx>