

## SAMPLE TARGET GROUPS RESERVED IN WAIVERS: APPENDIX B-3

### **MD Community Pathways:**

<https://mmcp.dhmf.maryland.gov/waiverprograms/Documents/Community%20Pathways%20Waiver%20Application.pdf>

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- Money Follows The Person
- Court Involvement
- Emergency
- Waiting List Equity Fund
- Transitioning Youth

### **Potentially relevant example:**

**Purpose** (*provide a title or short description to use for lookup*): Transitioning Youth

**Purpose** (*describe*):

The Transitioning Youth (TY) program supports individuals graduating from the public school system, nonpublic school placements, and the foster care system who are eligible for waiver services. The purpose is to transition the most vulnerable youth from the education system into the adult developmental disabilities system to prevent loss of skills and abilities and to support employment and community integration before skills become dormant.

**Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:**

Reserved capacity is based on historical data on students transitioning and approval of funding by the Maryland General Assembly.

**Selection of Entrants to the Waiver. Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:**

Individuals are prioritized for entrance to the waiver based on the priority categories established in Maryland regulations COMAR 10.22.12.07 and reserved capacity.

Individuals currently on the waiting list for DDA services are assessed and prioritized into three categories: crisis resolution, crisis prevention, and current request. When funding becomes available, individuals in the highest priority level of need

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(crisis resolution) receive services, followed by crisis prevention, and then current request. Determination of and criteria for each service priority is set out in COMAR 10.22.12.07. Individuals who are currently receiving services in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IIDs) who wish to and whose needs can be served in the community, do not need to be placed on the waiting list for services, but rather are assisted to transition from an ICF/IID service directly into community-based services.

In addition, reserved capacity is dependent upon levels of funding allocated by the Maryland General Assembly for the fiscal year for the following discrete groups of individuals: Transitioning Youth (TY), Money Follows the Person (MFP) (Institutionalized), Waiting List Equity Fund (WLEF), Emergency, and Court Involvement.

### **TX aged/disabled:**

<https://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/hcs/HCSRenewalApp2013-2018.pdf>. Page 35-41:

- Individuals under age 22 leaving a nursing facility (MFP)
- Individuals under age 22 leaving a medium or small intermediate care facility (MFP)
- Individuals currently residing in an institution scheduled for closure, or an out-of-state intermediate care facility losing funding (MFP)
- Individuals leaving state conservatorship
- Individuals at risk of institutionalization in a state supported living center
- Individuals leaving a state hospital
- Individuals with level of care I or VIII residing in a nursing facility (MFP)
- Individuals leaving a large intermediate care facility, including a state supported living center (MFP)
- Children in conservatorship leaving a general residential option
- Individuals at risk of imminent institutionalization

### **1. Potentially relevant example:**

**Purpose** (*provide a title or short description to use for lookup*): Individuals leaving state conservatorship

**Purpose** (*describe*):

This target group reserves capacity for children aging out of the State's conservatorship who qualify for HCS services.

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### **Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:**

The State reserves capacity for this target group in accordance with State legislative appropriations.

### **2. Potentially relevant example:**

**Purpose** (*provide a title or short description to use for lookup*): Children in conservatorship leaving a general residential option

**Purpose** (*describe*):

This target group reserves capacity for children under the age of 18 with intellectual disabilities in the Department of Family and Protective Services conservatorship leaving a general residential option.

### **Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:**

The Promoting Independence Advisory Committee recommended that the State set aside waiver slots for children in general residential options.

### **MA Supports Waiver for Adults:**

<http://dda.dhmf.maryland.gov/SitePages/Developments/June2012/6%20-%20Massachusetts%20Adult%20Supports%20Waiver%20Application.pdf>. Page 23-25:

- Nursing Home Transitioning to Community
- Emergencies/Changing Needs
- Priority Status

### **Potentially relevant example:**

**Purpose** (*provide a title or short description to use for lookup*): Priority Status

**Purpose** (*describe*):

The state reserves capacity for individuals who require waiver supports as determined through an assessment process, specifically individuals who are a Priority 1 for Supportive Services as defined in 115 CMR 6.0. First Priority means the provision, purchase, or arrangement of supports available through the Department is necessary to protect the health or safety of the individual or others. For individuals who are Priority 1, the Department

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through its planning process with individuals attempts to secure services within 90 days or less from the date of the prioritization letter.

The state will set aside capacity for these individuals who are a priority for enrollment.

All participants enrolled in the waiver will have comparable access to all services offered in the waiver.

### **Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:**

The reserved capacity is based on the Department's experience of providing services to its Priority 1 individuals.

**Selection of Entrants to the Waiver.** Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:

When an application for waiver enrollment is made to the Central Waiver Unit, the Waiver Unit confirms that the individual meets the basic requirements for Medicaid eligibility and the level of care for the waiver. The Waiver unit confirms that the Choice form has been signed as well. The Central Office Waiver unit maintains a statewide date- stamped log, organized by the DDS regions, of completed waiver applications. Based on the administration of the MASSCAP the individual is prioritized for services and a determination is made as to which waiver's target group criteria the individual meets.

Participants prioritized for services must also be assessed as needing the service within 30 days. The Department requires that all adult individuals seeking waiver services apply for and maintain Medicaid eligibility. The Central Office Waiver Unit confirms that there is available capacity in the waiver and that the individual's needs for health and safety can be met. Based on the individual's priority status an offer of enrollment is made. Those individuals who cannot be enrolled because of lack of capacity will be placed on a waiting list until such time as capacity becomes available. When new resources are allocated by the Legislature for specific target groups there will be reserved capacity set aside for them. Individuals in emergency situations who meet the criteria for enrollment are not subject to the process outlined above. If assigned waiver resources are available an individual is expected to enroll in the waiver. The State will utilize the total slots estimated in the application.

### **PA DD:**

[http://www.temple.edu/thetrainingpartnership/resources/mrBulletins/draft/Consolidated Waiver Renewal Application March 1 2012.pdf](http://www.temple.edu/thetrainingpartnership/resources/mrBulletins/draft/Consolidated_Waiver_Renewal_Application_March_1_2012.pdf). Page 36-38:

- Unanticipated emergencies

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- Money follows the person/litigation
- Hospital/ Rehab care

### **MS IDD:**

<https://www.medicaid.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/IDDD-Waiver.pdf>. Page 22-23:

- Deinstitutionalization
- Crisis