State Review Team Change

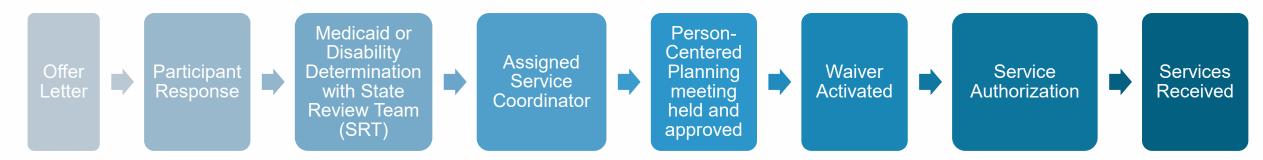
- The State Review Team (SRT) will be transitioning from the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care to DDD on November 18, 2024.
- SRT will join our Eligibility & Enrollment team.
- With this transition, we are prioritizing key initiatives to enhance efficiency and improve family experiences:
 - Targeted Documentation Requests
 - Increased Family Engagement
 - Improved Handoffs
 - Simplified Documents



Family Support Waiver Update – Offer Process

Family Support Waiver (FSW) offer letters are mailed. They should be completed and returned by the individual or their legal representative.

- When no response is received, follow-up phone calls or emails occur.
- When an offer is declined, the family can reach out to request services when needed.

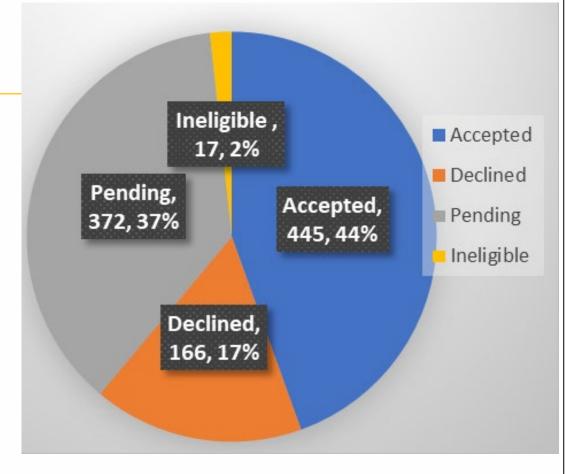




FSW Update – Offers Sent

A total of 1000 offers have been made.

- Accepted = 445 (44%)
 - May need to apply to Medicaid and/or receive a Medicaid or may be waiting on a disability determination Review Team (SRT).
 - Once Medicaid is active, sent to Service Coordination.
- Declined = 166 (17%)
 - Top two reasons for declines:
 - · Remaining on the AD Waiver
 - DD services not needed or terminate request for DD services.
- Ineligible = 17 (2%)
 - Did not meet Disability Determination Criteria or failure to provide required information.
- Pending = 372 (37%)
 - Waiting on a response from the family or DHHS has resent the FSW offer letter.





Specialized Service Offers Update – Next Steps

- As of October 1, 2024, there are 1,135 individuals waiting for an offer:
 - Under 21 684 offers for FSW
 - Over 21 451 offers for DDAD Waiver
- We plan to make 175 offers monthly through June 2025.
- Newly eligible people will be offered a waiver based on their date of application.
- By July 1, 2025, when a person is determined eligible for DD waivers, they will be connected directly to service coordination.



Specialized Service Offer Projections



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Elimination of the Waitlist – Phase II Timeline

- Create videos for the website.
- FSW Technical Amendment submitted.
- Finalize Data Dashboard.

Sept – Oct 2024

November 2024

Begin DDAD
 Waiver offers to
 adults on the
 waitlist without
 specialized
 services.

- Legislative session begins.
- Public
 Comment
 Period for the
 interRAI
 assessment
 tool and added
 waiver
 services.

January 2025

February 2025

 Submit waiver amendments to CMS.

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Elimination of the Waitlist – Phase II Timeline

 Continue waiver offers for people waiting for services.

> March – April 2025

June 2025

 Projected approval of Waiver Amendments.

- Needs
 Assessment
 process begins for
 all Waiver
 participants to
 ensure needs are
 met in correct
 services/waiver.
- Implement any Legislative changes.

October 2025

End of the Waitlist.

July 2025

Elimination of Waitlist Resources and Information

- Website: https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DD-Wait-List.aspx
 - Waitlist Dashboard
 - Timeline
 - Cost Estimates
 - Presentations
 - Resources
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Resources for HCBS Participants and Providers: https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DD-Resources.aspx
- DDD Publications in other languages: https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DDD-Resources-In-Foreign-Languages.aspx



QR code to Waitlist Elimination webpage



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Adult Day Health for the AD and TBI Waivers

- We recently reviewed our Adult Day Health services and realized that we have a number of them that are not licensed. Per our AD and TBI Waivers, they must be licensed facilities through Public Health.
- The change was made in Maximus indicating an Adult Day Health license is required to provide Adult Day Health on the AD and TBI waivers.
- Those with open authorizations that are not licensed will be receiving a letter this
 week giving you 90 days to come into compliance.
- If DD providers find they are stuck due to other updates in Maximus, reach out to DHHS DD Provider Relations <u>DHHS.DDProviderRelations@nebraska.gov</u> and we will discuss with our partners.

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Mandt Updates

- Reminder, on February 5, 2024, DDD issued <u>PB 24-01</u> requiring providers to use The Mandt System by July 1, 2025.
- We do know Mandt has recently sent out information about a new "per staff" fee for their training.
- Nebraska did meet with Mandt and they have given us a two-year break on this cost.
- https://www.mandtsystem.com/



