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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

January 1, 2023

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol Room 2028
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: Statewide Plan for Specialized Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Biennial Report

Dear Mr. Metzler,

Per Neb. Rev. Stat. §83-1209, The Division of Developmental Disabilities is submitting this communication as the Developmental Disabilities Statewide Plan for Specialized Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Biennial Report for FY 2021/2022.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities, the agency, that administers the Home and Community-Based Medicaid (HCBS) waivers, provides funding and oversight for the two Developmental Disabilities waivers. These waivers are the Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) waiver and the Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) waiver. The waivers afford Nebraskans who experience developmental disabilities the ability to improve their quality of life through provision of services which promote independence and community integration. The waivers are submitted and approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and serve as the comprehensive and integrated statewide plan for specialized services to persons with developmental disabilities. As part of the creation and revision process for the waivers, stakeholder engagement opportunities are provided via engagement surveys, listening sessions, and posted 30-day public comment periods. The Division of Developmental Disabilities receives and responds to comments from state and local officials, advocates, service providers and the public.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities also provides information and updates to state and local officials, advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities, service providers, the Governor and other persons in the public through the various other reports such as the State's Olmstead Plan, the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act, and the Quality Management Strategy Report, which are included in the strategic plan.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities maintains a registry for individuals waiting to receive waiver services. As of 01/01/2023 there were 2,304 individuals on the Developmental Disabilities registry list, which is down 647 individuals from 01/01/2022 when there were 2,951 individuals on the registry.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information.

Respectfully,



Tony Green, Director
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Department of Health and Human Services