



December 31, 2024

The Honorable Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska
P.O. Box 94848
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Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
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Subject: Statewide Plan for Specialized Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
Biennial Report

Dear Governor Pillen and 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 2023/2024.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities administers the Home and Community-Based Medicaid (HCBS) waivers, provides funding and oversight for the three Developmental Disabilities waivers. These waivers are the Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) waiver, the Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) waiver, and the Family Support waiver (FSW). The waivers afford Nebraskans who experience developmental disabilities the ability to improve their quality of life through the provision of services that promote independence and community integration. The waivers are submitted and approved by the 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 eligible for specialized services. As of November 1, 2024, there were 1,020 individuals on the Developmental Disabilities waitlist/registry which is down 1,500 from December 1, 2023, when there were 2,520 individuals on the registry. Through amendments to the aforementioned waivers, the Division anticipates eliminating the Developmental Disabilities waitlist in 2025.

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

Sincerely,



Tony Green
Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities