



Aged & Disabled (AD) Waiver and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Provider Meeting

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Agenda

- Single Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) System
- Eligibility and Enrollment Unit
- DHHS SFY 2022 Business Plan
 - Single Case Management System
 - ISP/POSS Redesign
 - Aged and Disabled Waiver Rate Study
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K
 - Temporary 15% Rate Increase



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Single Home and Community-Based Services System

- History

- Nebraska DHHS has four 1915(c) Waivers
 - Two independently managed by Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC)
 - Two independently managed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

- Vision

- A streamlined waiver system allowing movement in and out of various service delivery systems
- Alignment with external ADRC's for a "No Wrong Door" approach to state waivers

- Current

- April 2020 the Home & Community-Based Waiver system created, administered by DDD
- All four waivers in one DHHS Division



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Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) Unit

Immediate need to establish an application and eligibility process

- History
 - Different processes for waiver eligibility, applications versus referrals for level of care
 - A need for standardized reporting (# applicants, % eligible versus ineligible, etc.)
- Vision
 - A “No Wrong Door” process for all HCBS waivers
 - A single application
 - A team of eligibility staff – state function
- Current
 - E&E Unit created – intake for all waiver applications
 - Standardized Institutional Level of Care
 - ICF/DD
 - Nursing Facility



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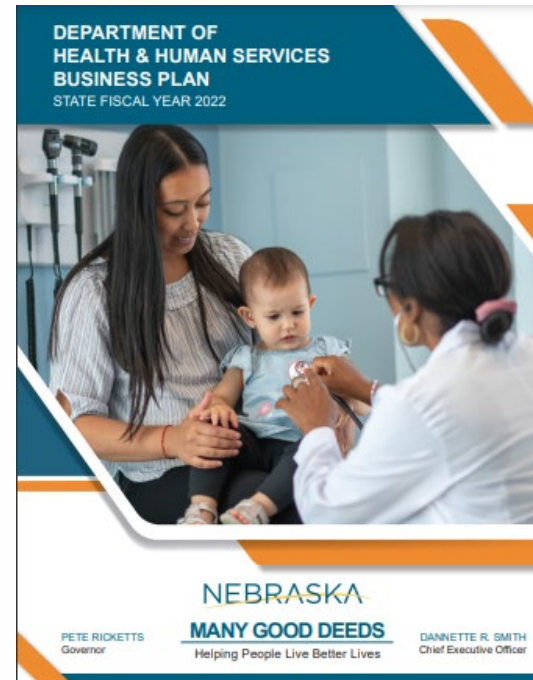
DHHS SFY 2022 Business Plan

- Available on the DHHS Website:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/DHHS-Business-Plan-2021-2022.pdf>

- Initiatives impacting AD and TBI Waivers:

- Single Case Management System
- ISP/POSS Redesign
- AD Waiver Rate Study



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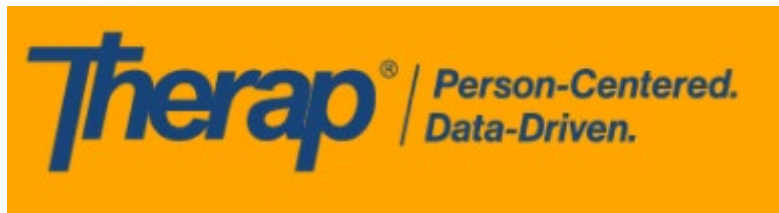
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Single Case Management System

- DHHS moving from CONNECT to Therap for a single web-based case management system
- Intent to streamline processes
- It is a phased-in approach
- Notification sent to all external partner Service Coordinators about training opportunities
- Trainings for all Service Coordinators to use Therap



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Service Plan Redesign

- The service plan redesign will be for the Plan of Services & Supports (POSS) and Individual Services Plan (ISP)
- Our HCBS system has embarked on Person-Centered Planning
 - Trainings delivered the last two years
- Charting the LifeCourse – next step for implementation



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Aged and Disabled Waiver Rate Study

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require states to rebase rates every 5 years.
- DHHS awarded a contract to CBIZ-Optumas to study service rates.
- Intent to establish a rate model, based on the cost to provide services.
- Kick-off email sent to all providers by Director Green.
- Next steps to engage providers in sharing information:
 - CBIZ-Optumas in collaboration with DDD will set up a work group;
 - Activities include a Public Comment session during rate development discussions; and
 - By August 31, 2022 CBIZ-Optumas will provide recommendations for DHHS to consider.



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Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K

- Approval for additive Appendix K from CMS for all four HCBS waivers for January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022:
 - AD Waiver added \$20 per day to ALF rate and 15% to other services rates; and
 - TBI Waiver added \$20 per day to ALF rate.
- Services excluded from rate increases:
 - Home and Vehicle Modification;
 - Assisted Technology;
 - PERS (Personal Emergency Services Response Systems); and
 - Transportation.
- WebEx meeting for AD Waiver on April 19, 2022.
- WebEx meeting for DD Waivers on April 20, 2022.



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